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P R E F A C E.

THE year of which we treat, has been more favourable to the general tranquillity, than many preceding circumstances seemed to indicate. It has not, however, been destitute of interesting events. The dismemberment of Poland, the necessity which produced a ratification of that act by the King and the Republic, and the precarious state of the remaining part of that unfortunate country, present a lesson to others, which might be studied with advantage. The favourable change which has taken place in the Ottoman affairs, and the insurrections which have happened in Russia, seem rather to increase the probability of a peace, than of a long continuance of the war. The final dissolution of the Jesuits, would alone distinguish the present year; and as that measure restores security to the territorial possessions of the court of Rome, it may be supposed to have a considerable effect

effect in preserving the peace of Italy. The entire cession of the Dutchy of Holstein to Denmark, whether considered with respect to its political value, or commercial consequences, is also a matter of public importance.

The great revolution which has taken place, in the state and constitution of the East-India Company, has rendered our domestic affairs particularly interesting. Indeed, the natural importance of the subject seems to be increased, by the ability with which it was discussed, and the difference of sentiments and opinions it produced, among the most eminent persons in the nation.

We have endeavoured to state these and other matters, in as clear a manner, as our means of information would admit, and still hope for that indulgence to our imperfections, which the kindness of the public has rendered habitual to us.

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CHAP. I.

General state of affairs. Poland. Russia. Retrospective view of the war, and its consequences considered. Cession of Holstein. Revolt in the Crimea. Insurrection in the government of Oremberg. Ottoman empire. Preparations by the new Grand Signior for carrying on the war. Great Germanic powers. Revival of obsolete claims. State of the empire. Abolition of the Jesuits. Commercial failures. Dearth. Earthquakes.

THOUGH the year 1773, has not been productive of many great or splendid actions, it has possessed a kind of negative merit, in not being attended with all the evil which it portended. The flames of war are still restrained to those states with whom they began, and if the probability of peace does not appear greater than at the beginning of the
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year, neither does the danger of extending those calamities seem to be increased. Those great armies in Germany and the North, which seemed to threaten destruction to each other, or to the rest of mankind, have held their swords quietly in their hands, and are now so long accustomed to behold each other without emotion, that they almost forget their natural animosities; while
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Distracted and torn as this unhappy country continues, it has not during this year presented those shocking scenes of calamity, which had long made it a spectacle, as much of horror, as of compassion. The vast armies with which it was covered, having rendered all opposition impracticable, the pretences for cruelty were taken away; and the multitude of spectators, composed of different nations, and under different commands, being a mutual check upon the enormities of each other, the rage for blood dwindled into regular oppression. Upon the whole, the condition of Poland is not worse than it has been; nor are the possibilities fewer, in its favour.

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It was evident from the nature and situation of the countries, and the consequences of former wars with the Turks, that conquests in Moldavia, Wallachia, or Bessarabia, and victories on the Pruth or the Danube, were not likely to be attended with much benefit to Russia. The gaining of a port upon the Black-Sea, was indeed an object of the utmost importance; but of such a nature as to be attended almost with insuperable difficulties; both from the fatal aspect which it must bear to the Ottoman empire, and the jealousy which it must excite in several of the European powers.

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tinual state of warfare and confusion. The wisest and most benevolent statesman could not have wished for a happier barrier than Poland, to prevent the clashing of the German and Muscovite empires; nor could the demon of discord have thrown out bitterer seeds of contention, than it is now likely to produce.

As to the obtaining or preserving of an influence in Poland, her late measures have been attended with as little advantage in that respect, as in any other. Russia before, solely guided and directed the councils of that country, nor could she have been deprived of the great security and advantage which she derived from that unbounded influence; but by the most mistaken conduct and falsest policy. She now divides her authority with the other members of the triumvirate, who will be sufficiently careful that she does not retain more than her share; nor will her dividend in a future partition of the remains of that republic, be in any degree an equivalent for the advantages which she has foregone, in losing that supreme influence and direction by which she guided the whole.

Those schemes which were trumpeted throughout Europe, of totally conquering and subverting the Ottoman empire, however they might have been held out to flatter the imaginations of the people, or to answer purposes in negotiations for loans, could not have been seriously adopted by any statesman. If the practicability of such an event, were even admitted, it could answer no good purpose, and would probably be highly pernicious to Russia. The eternal boundaries

which Nature has placed between those empires, their distance, situation, and vast extent; the extreme difference of climate, and in the manners, customs, and religions of the inhabitants, are insuperable bars to their coalescing; and render it as impossible for Petersburg to rule the Ottoman empire, as it would be for Constantinople to govern the Russian.

The war in the Mediterranean, has this year been attended with little honour, and with no other advantage than what proceeded from the taking of prizes. As a war of this nature is always very prejudicial to commerce, and has in this case been particularly so to the French merchants, it has given much umbrage to the two great branches of the house of Bourbon. And as the death of Ali Bey, and the return of Egypt to its duty, has cut off one of the principal sources of advantage that could be expected from it, and that the passage of the Dardanelles seems no longer to be thought practicable, it may still be a matter not unworthy of consideration, how much farther it may be consistent with prudence, to irritate the resentment of those princes; and whether any advantages now to be expected from a continuance of the war in the Levant, are equivalent to the risque of a rupture with France and Spain. This fleet however, has been lately reinforced, and it is said will be rendered formidable in the ensuing summer.

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Among the evils engendered by the present age, there is no one perhaps more fatal in its tendency, or contagious in its example, than that which is now become fashionable in Germany and the North, of reviving or setting up of obsolete and antiquated claims and titles. The dangerous success which has already attended this conduct, will extend the evil, if not timely and effectually checked, to the loosening of all security, and the rendering all property precarious. A claim of this nature, upon the city of Hamburg, has lately been started, and put in at Vienna, by Count Schomberg. As the title of the Hamburgers to their liberties, besides an original purchase several times acknowledged and confirmed, and a public declaration by the diet of the empire in the year 1510, by which Hamburg was acknowledged a free and imperial city, was strengthened by a prescription of five hundred years standing, such an attempt at any other period, would only have afforded matter for mirth or ridicule. The case is now however very different; and the Hamburgers having understood, that a neighbouring monarch was in treaty to purchase the Count's title, and had probably urged him to the setting up of the claim, the fate of Dantzick, struck them in all its terrors, and has given them no insufficient cause for the most grievous apprehensions.

A claim in some degree of the same nature, though not attended with the same terror, has been made by the King of Prussia upon

the States of Holland. This claim consists in a debt, of above a century standing, and amounting to more than four millions of florins, which is pretended to be owing from several of the cities belonging to the Republic, in the dutchy of Cleves, to the house of Brandenburg. On the other side it was said, that this supposed debt, with the titles on which it was founded, had been expressly abolished by the treaty concluded in August 1698, between the Elector of Brandenburg, Frederic the First, and their High Mightinesses. As the demand for payment was however very pressing, it caused some alarm in Holland; memorials were presented, and answers returned; but the affair does not yet seem to be determined.

An exchange of territory has been much talked of, between the King of Prussia and the Duke of Mecklenburgh Schwerin, by which the latter resigns his principality, and receives the King's part of the dutchy of Cleves in return. Tho' it may be highly eligible to a weak prince, to get out of the talons of an overgrown neighbour, who surrounds, oppresses, and overwhelms him upon every occasion, and that the value of the equivalent is not so much considered in such a situation, as the immediate ease and security that attend it; yet such an exchange, in the present state of affairs, would establish a most dangerous precedent in Germany. Proposals would soon be made to other weaker princes, to induce them to accept of equivalents, and such means would be taken with those who were not compliable, to render their inheritances uneasy and of no use to them, that in a little time

time they would deem it a happiness to obtain any exchange. Such measures are probably the first that will be taken, to prepare the way for a total change of system in Germany.

Indeed that empire seems to be in as precarious a situation, as it has been at any time since its foundation. The equilibrium is entirely overthrown; and it must be only by a series of the most extraordinary events, that it can be restored. The fate of the venal and arbitrary Polish nobility, presents a mirror to the German princes, which they could not too long nor too attentively study.

The total abolition of the Jesuits, after they had for above two hundred years made so much noise, and by their intrigues created so much confusion in the world, though it has been so long expected, is so remarkable an event, that it will stamp the present year as a distinguished æra. The reduction of the ecclesiastical power, is now become so general in all the Roman Catholic states, that it is no longer a particularity in any one; and those encroachments which a few years ago, would have made the greatest noise, and have been considered as matters of the most alarming nature, are now past over in silence as things of course. Even the ecclesiastical princes are following the example of the secular, and the Bishop of Liege having met with some opposition, in his attempts to secularize a convent of monks in his own territories, has appealed to the Emperor, as Lord Paramount, upon that occasion. The event, with respect to the monks, is not doubted.

As there seems to be a fashion in all things, even in virtues and vices, so it appears in nothing more remarkably, than in ecclesiastical affairs. While it was the mode of the times, to confer honours, power, and possessions upon the church, she was overwhelmed with them; piety degenerated into a vice; and private men ruined their families, and kings their countries, only to make her too rich, and too potent. When this unnatural power and grandeur, had produced the distempers incident to them, and it was thought necessary to pluck off the adventitious plumage, the tide of fashion took the contrary course with equal rapidity, and seems now to proceed with an eagerness, that threatens to leave only the skeleton behind.

The great commercial failures, which threw such a damp last year upon all business in this country, arrived at their utmost extent, about the beginning of the present in Holland; and were of so alarming a nature, and so extensive in their influence, as to threaten a mortal blow to all public and private credit throughout Europe. These failures were the effect of an artificial credit, and of great speculative dealings in trade, as well as in the public funds of different countries; and though attended with an immense loss to individuals, of not less perhaps than ten millions sterling, took nothing out of the general stock, neither money nor goods being thereby lessened. They would however, by lessening the value of those commodities, have been as pernicious in their effects, as if the loss had been real,
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and nothing but the most judicious and timely remedies, could prevent this fatal consequence.

It is not to be wondered at, that the Republic of Holland, so long the emporium of trade, should have pursued the wisest measures upon this occasion; and that in a country of merchants, a number of private men, from their long acquaintance in monied matters, and knowledge of the vicissitudes attending commerce, should have acted a manly, spirited, and generous part, for the support of public and private credit. But it was particularly fortunate, that without any time for pre-concert, similar measures should have been adopted by most of the other trading nations; by which means the fatal consequences that were apprehended, were in a great degree prevented, and the mischief restrained from becoming so general as it would otherwise have done. Of some of these particulars we shall take notice in their proper places.

The dearth, which has so long afflicted different parts of Europe, has this year been grievously felt in several countries. Germany, Bohemia, and Sweden, have presented scenes of the greatest calamity, and multitudes have perished in that miserable extremity, of

wanting the plainest and most common necessities of life. France, though in a lesser degree, has been a considerable sharer in this misfortune; and the distresses of the people have occasioned riots and disturbances in several of the provinces. Nor has the taking off of the bounty on exportation in England, with all the other measures that have been adopted to answer the same purpose, been sufficient to remedy the evils, proceeding from inclement skies, and unusual seasons.

No equal period of time, since navigation and commerce have brought distant nations acquainted with the affairs of each other, has presented such a number of earthquakes, in remote and different parts of the world, as the present year. From the arctic regions to the center of Africa, and from the extreme eastern, to the western Indies, the globe was every where convulsed, and nature seemed struggling in some doubtful crisis. It has however pleased providence, that the mischiefs have in no degree corresponded with the apparent danger, and have been infinitely greater at seasons, when the shocks have been few in number, and confined in their extent.

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Fruitless issue of the negotiations for a peace at Bucharest. Nature of the war on the Danube. Wise conduct of the Grand Vizir. State of the army under General Romanzow. Russians pass the river; engagement; nature of the country: difficulties on the march to Silistria. Attack on the Turkish encampment. Retreat from Silistria. General Weisman killed. Russians repass the Danube. State and inaction of both armies. Latter campaign in Bulgaria. Turks defeated in different engagements. Attempt upon Varna; the Russians repulsed. Siege of Silistria; brave defence; the siege raised, and the Russians again obliged to repass the Danube. Hossein Bey. War in the Crimea. Russian operations in the Levant; alliance and connection with Ali Bey and the Chiek Daher; unsuccessful attempts: conduct with respect to the Venetians; observations on the Mediterranean War.

THE negotiations carried on at Bucharest for a peace, were as fruitless in the issue, as the congress at Foczani had been before. It seems probable that this event, was equally foreseen and intended by each of the contending parties; and that each had its distinct motives, for gaining so long a pause, in the midst of a war that called forth all its attention and powers: either thereby to provide the better for its renewal, or to make use of that time in the adjustment of other difficult arrangements, which could not be so well attended to in the din and hurry of arms.

Thus the views of each of the belligerent powers were in a certain degree answered. The Porte had time to get rid of Ali Bey, to restore order and obedience, in a considerable degree, in its distracted dominions, and by the establishment of discipline to restore confidence to its troops. On the other hand, the court of Petersburg thereby gained time to settle the new arrangements in Po-

land, to adjust difficult points with the other partitioning powers, to observe the countenance borne by the rest of Europe upon so extraordinary an innovation, and to negotiate loans, and recruit its armies for the renewal of the war.

No authentic account of these negotiations has yet been laid before the public, nor would the detail be very interesting. The great, or ostensible bar to an accommodation, is said to have been, the pretended independency insisted upon by Russia for the Crimea, at the same time, that she also insisted upon the keeping of two strong fortified garrisons in it, which from their nature and situation, must render the inhabitants of that peninsula totally dependent on her, and cut them off from their natural and hereditary friends and allies. It is also said, that the Turks had in this, as well as in the former negotiation, laid it down as a fundamental principle never to be departed from, to preserve the independency of Poland, and the union of all its parts inviolate. This seems

seems to be confirmed, by a letter which was written by the Grand Vizir, during the height of the conferences at Bucharest, to the chiefs of the confederacy in Poland, in which he assures them and the Poles in general, in the name and upon the irrevocable word of his master, that he never would abandon them, nor enter into any peace, till their country was restored to its rights and independency, and they again enjoyed the government of a free republic, according to its ancient laws and constitution.

As this letter was publicly shewn in Poland, and no disavowal of it was required from the Grand Vizir, nor no breach of the conferences took place in consequence of it, we may be satisfied that the Porte had not agreed to the dismemberment of that country, and that as the partitioning powers, had already gone such lengths towards the completion of that design, as nothing but necessity could make them recede from, it is evident that the peace could have been but little thought of at the congress. It is said, that the navigation on the Black Sea, was another insurmountable obstacle to an accommodation, the Russians not only insisting on that right in its utmost extent but also on a free liberty of trade, through the Dardanelles into the Mediterranean, in all the coasts of Greece and the Archipelago, and even in the ports of Egypt and Syria. As these were the great obstacles to the success of the congress at Foczani, it becomes a matter of difficulty to conceive, what the commissioners at Bucharest could treat upon: or upon what ground a fresh negociation could have been entered into, without

the removal of some of those impediments which were found insuperable in the former; and seems only to be accounted for, by supposing that an armistice being equally necessary to both parties, was all that was looked for by either.

Previous, however, to the breaking up of the conferences at Bucharest, the Turkish commissioners proposed a prolongation of them, as well as of the armistice, to the latter end of the ensuing month of June, which being refused by those of Russia, and the time limited for the negotiations being now ^{March 22d.} 1773. elapsed, the commissioners retired, and both sides accordingly prepared for the opening of the Campaign. As the Danube was the boundary between the hostile armies, it became of course the scene of continued action; its wide extended waters, its islands, and its banks, affording endless opportunities for that desultory kind of war, which consists of surprizes by night, and ambuscades by day, of alternate flight and pursuit, and in which, from the vicinity of the hostile troops, and the facility of embarkation and descent, neither rest nor security is to be obtained on either side. A bloody ruinous kind of war, which soon devours great armies; and in which lives are lost without effect, and courage exerted without honour.

This destructive kind of war, was not, however, a matter of choice with the Russians; and the Turks were too skilfully commanded, to forego the advantages which the nature of the country and the river afforded. To them, who were at home, and abounded with

with men, the loss of lives, if attended with no other consequence, was productive of no real weakness; while on the side of the Russians every loss was irreparable, or at best, could scarcely be supplied sooner than the end of the campaign. In such circumstances, it would be wrong to judge from events; nor were the Russian generals blameable, for using their utmost efforts to bring matters to an immediate crisis on the other side of the Danube, as it was the only means by which they could change the nature of the war, and preserve their best troops from mouldering away in an ineffectual service. On the other hand it must be acknowledged, that the Grand Vizir, by not foregoing any of the advantages, and by making the best use of the means that were in his power; by preserving the grand army whole, and by wisely abstaining from a general engagement, though frequently urged to it, at the same time, that by repeatedly pouring detachments upon them, he kept the Russians in hot and continued action, has undoubtedly performed in this campaign, the part of a great captain.

As the Turks give no detail of their military transactions, and the Russians only such a one as is suited to the meridian of their own people, and calculated for certain purposes, no regular account of this campaign is to be expected, until some future Manstein, among their foreign officers, shall get free from the shackles of power, and give an account of things as they really were. In the present circumstances we can do little more, than to judge of particular transactions by their general consequences.

It appears upon the whole, that the kind of war which we have already noticed, began to grow very warm upon the Danube, immediately after the breaking up of the conferences at Bucharest. Every day, and almost every night, produced some small action, or gave an opportunity for some surprize, in most of which the Russians are said to have been very successful, and to have destroyed great numbers of the enemy. As forage grew more plenty, the grand army approached closer to the Danube, and matters became more serious. We are not however to imagine that the Turks were entirely on the defensive; on the contrary, they made repeated attempts upon the Russian side of the river, and in one, to surprize the fortress of Giurgewo, are said to have lost a considerable number of men. In one of these conflicts (which were frequently very severe, and attended with various success) one of the Princes Repnin, with a considerable number of Russians, were taken prisoners on the Danube, and being sent to Constantinople, were with the other prisoners who had been formerly taken, amounting in the whole to about three thousand, led in cavalcade through the streets of that city; exhibiting by this means a kind of political triumph, calculated to flatter national vanity, and to keep up the spirits of the people.

The Russian army was commanded by Count Romanzow, and was computed at the opening of the campaign to consist of about 87000 men, of which near one third was cavalry. About the middle of June preparations were made for its passing the Danube, and

and carrying the war into Bulgaria with effect, for which purpose it was intended to force the city of Silistria, and make it a place of arms, by which means a communication would have been kept between the posts on the Danube, and the grand army, as it penetrated farther into the country. As the Turks have been uncommonly alert in their posts during this campaign, the passage was not effected without danger, and a considerable loss on both sides. The Generals Weisman and Potemkin, first crossed the river near Brahilow, in the night between the 18th and 19th of June, at the head of a body of about 15000 men, soon after which they had a bloody engagement with a body of the enemy, in which the Russian horse was defeated by the Turkish cavalry, and driven back upon their own foot; but being well supported by the infantry, and returning to the charge, the main body of the enemy did not think proper to renew the engagement, and quitted the field. The two generals then marched up the river, and covered the passage of the grand army, which was not completed till the 24th of the same month, when it marched in large divisions towards Silistria.

• Among the various accounts that have been given of the succeeding transactions, which, though from the same quarter, are generally contradictory, even as to dates and names, we can venture only to give what seems to be the general result of the whole. It need scarcely be observed, that the immense tract of mountains, anciently called Hemus, and now known by the barbarous term of Balkan, encircle Rumania in such a manner, as to

form almost an insuperable barrier between it and Bulgaria, as well as the neighbouring country of Macedonia. The vast branches of this mountain, run every where deep into Bulgaria, and make the country in a very great degree rough and impracticable, even to the confines of the Danube, which separates it on the lower side, from the countries of Wallachia and Bessarabia to the Black-Sea. The Grand Vizir was encamped towards the foot of the mountains, from whence he commanded the lower country, into which he could pour his troops like a torrent as he saw occasion; at the same time that the enemy could not force him to an engagement, except under such disadvantages of ground, as it was not probable any general would run the hazard of, and the mountains at his back afforded a sure protection, in case of the worst misfortune that could follow.

Upon the march to Silistria, the Russians found themselves continually harassed, surrounded, and attacked by great bodies of the Turkish horse, the Grand Vizir having detached 27000 of his best cavalry for that purpose. It was to little purpose that these troops were frequently repulsed: they were still relieved by fresh detachments, and their attacks as continually renewed; while the Russians found it impossible to procure forage, and could scarcely obtain time for a moment's rest, or to take the bit out of their horses mouths. In the mean time, the army suffered greatly for want of water, and were exposed without cover to the night rains, and to the cold and winds which fell upon them from the mountains, and which, notwithstanding

standing the season of the year, they found to be very severe. The badness of the roads, and the number of defiles, also made the carriage of the artillery and baggage extremely difficult; while the alertness of the enemy, who watched every advantage, and laid ambuscades in every defile, kept the soldiers constantly under arms, and wore them down with continual fatigue.

The generals Weisman and Potemkin, having at length arrived with the vanguard at Silistria, found it strongly defended by three Bashas at the head of a numerous body of troops, amounting in the whole to about 24000 men. The greater part of these troops, formed a strong encampment on the top of a hill, which was adjoining to, and commanded the town. The Russian generals having June 28th. made the necessary dispositions upon their arrival, marched early the next morning to attack the Turkish camp.

In their way to the entrenchments, they were furiously assaulted by the Turkish spahis, or horse, who lay in wait for them, and when these were dispersed by the artillery, they found the janissaries well prepared to receive them at their entrenchments, which they defended with the greatest bravery. A warm and bloody engagement then ensued, in which the Russians were thrown into great disorder, and the Turks, hurried by their impetuosity, and the hopes of a complete victory, quitted their trenches, and pursued them with great slaughter to the bottom of the hill. This injudicious measure being quickly perceived by General Weisman, he immediately made the proper ad-

vantage of it, and some Russian regiments having marched up the hill in another quarter, became masters of the trenches without opposition. The Turks now perceived too late, the error which they had committed, and as it was impossible to regain the ground which they had lost, were obliged to retire into Silistria.

The main body of the Russian army having arrived before the town on the following day, General Romanzow made preparations for a general assault; but the continual and vigorous sallies made by the Turks, prevented the necessary dispositions from taking place, and rendered the design impracticable. In the mean time the General received intelligence, that the Grand Vizir had detached 50000 men to the assistance of the besieged, and was himself in person taking measures to cut off the retreat of the Russians. In these untoward circumstances a retreat became absolutely necessary; but was not easily effected in the sight of so alert an enemy. Marshal Romanzow, the better to cover his design, seemed to renew the preparations for his attacks, and keeping up a continual fire on the town, decamped silently in the night, and began his retreat in as good order as the present circumstances would admit.

Uninformed though we are of particulars, some judgment may be made of the nature of such a retreat, by recollecting the numberless obstacles that impeded their progress, upon their advancing triumphantly as invaders into the country. In this retreat, General Weisman who commanded the van, found a defile, through which the army must of necessity pass, strongly possessed

possessed by a body of 13000 Turks; a desperate engagement ensued, in which the Russians were very roughly handled, and that brave general, in endeavouring to rally his broken troops, and lead them on to another charge, was shot dead on the spot. Some fresh regiments however coming up, and attacking the Turks in flank, they seem, unnecessarily, but happily for the Russians, to have given up the advantages they had gained, and to have abandoned their strong post. The army having passed this defile, gained the banks of the Danube, which they repassed, on the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th of July, and on the 7th sung *Te Deum* for their success.

Some other actions happened in the course of this expedition, of which we are not able to give the particulars; among these, General Soltikoff, who commanded a detached body, is said to have defeated and killed the Basha Fisula Sara. Upon the whole, it seems evident, as well from the immediate and subsequent consequences, as from a consideration of the nature of the service, and country, that this expedition was very ruinous to the Russian army, and that the cavalry in particular, must have suffered extremely. Some of the first letters from the Russian camp, computed their loss at about 10000 men, and the writers consoled themselves with the hopes, that the Turks had lost as many. This number, however, is reduced to 1200, in the account which was published by authority at Petersburg; a number which seems totally incompatible with the acknowledged severity and danger of the service, and the final event of the expedition.

These severe conflicts, and repeated trials of skill and courage, greatly cooled the ardour of the combatants on both sides, and the Danube became, till near the end of the campaign, a sufficient rampart to their hostilities. Sickness, the consequence of excessive fatigue, of the scarcity and badness of provisions, the heat of the weather, and the unhealthy marshes of the Danube, made great progress in the Russian camp, and obliged General Romanzow to retire from the confines of the river, and to post the army in the neighbourhood of Jassi, and the higher countries. There seems but little room to doubt, that the Turks had suffered very severely in the late actions, as well as their enemies; nor could it otherwise be well accounted for, that they attempted to make no advantage of the subsequent weak state of the Russian army; unless it should be imagined, that a thorough knowledge of the advantages of his situation, together with the prudence and caution that are characteristic of the present Grand Vizir, should prevent him from putting any thing to the hazard, where so great an object was at stake, as the immediate security of the empire.

Though the greater part of the troops in Poland, as well as some others in the nearest provinces, were immediately put in motion to reinforce Marshal Romanzow's army, a perfect silence and tranquillity, notwithstanding, reigned on the Danube, till about the middle of September, when we again find that the contending parties were in motion, and some small actions took place on that river, in which the Russians were successful.

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Towards the latter end of October, Marshal Romanzow again crossed that river with the whole army, and a hot war was carried on in Bulgaria for above six weeks. We are more in the dark as to the particulars of this latter campaign, than we are, even as to those of the former; in many instances, the accounts of both that have been published, bear so near a resemblance, both as to particular actions, and their consequences, that by changing their dates they would serve equally well for either.

It appears, however, that the Russian army was divided into two great parts, and that while one, which seems to have been commanded by Count Romanzow, carried on and covered the siege of Silistria, the other, under the command of the Generals Ungern, Suwarow, and Prince Dolgorucki, extended their operations towards the coasts of the Black-Sea. Soon after Oct. 28th. their crossing the Danube, these generals attacked near the lake Karassow, Dagestanli Ali Pacha, whom they defeated, and are said to have taken his camp, artillery, and baggage, and to have dispersed the body of forces which he commanded. A few days after, they gained another advantage over a body of Turkish forces near a place called Bazardgic, whom they are said to have entirely routed. These successes encouraged them to push on their forces to the city of Varna, which lies on the Black-Sea, and has the best port in Bulgaria.

The conquest of this place would have been of infinite consequence to the Russians, as they would not only thereby have established themselves in Bulgaria for the winter;
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but from its vicinity to Romania, it would greatly facilitate any future designs they might form for the invasion of a country, which comprehends the seat, and it might be said the life of the empire. It would then be no very difficult matter, to build or procure such a number of small craft, as might transport troops and artillery along the shores, notwithstanding the vigilance of the Turkish fleets; and thus effect an invasion, without hazarding an army in the impracticable defiles of Mount Hemus.

However eligible the possession of this place might have been, and however well laid the design, it failed of success in the execution. The Russian accounts say, that they were misinformed both as to the strength of the place and of the garrison, and that from a confidence of not meeting with any great opposition, only an inconsiderable number of troops had been detached to make the attempt; that though these found the Nov. 11th. enemy much superior to themselves, their bravery induced them to make the assault, which they did with the greatest courage; but that finding all their efforts ineffectual, they retired with a very trifling loss. On the other hand it is said, that a principal part of the Russian army was present at the affair of Varna; that their greatest effort was made on the day which we have mentioned, when ten regiments of foot (which, if full, should amount to 2000 men each) attacked the Turkish entrenchments with great fury, and gained some considerable advantages in the beginning; but that after a long and bloody engagement they were obliged to retire with great loss,
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and in such disorder as to abandon their cannon. The same accounts say, that upon their retreat, the Russians were met by the Bostangi Baschi of Adrianople, who was marching to the relief of Varna, and who again routed them with a great slaughter.

The Grand Vizir upon finding the danger that threatened Varna, quitted his camp at Chiumla, to march to its relief; but returned thither, as soon as he was informed of the event. He still invariably pursued the wise system which he had adopted at the beginning of the campaign: of avoiding a general engagement, carrying on the war by detachments, and wasting the enemy by a continued repetition of small actions, while he cautiously superintended the whole, and kept his principal force entire.

The siege of Silistria was carried on for several weeks, and the garrison shewed the most unconquerable perseverance and bravery. It seems, by the accounts that have been published, to have been a continued interchange of sallies and assaults. We have no regular detail of this siege; but by the Russian accounts of particular parts of it, which were published when they seemed to form a certainty of taking the place, the loss of men must have been prodigious.

At length the Russians raised the siege, and repassed the Danube, in the beginning of December. They say, that the elements themselves fought against them, and were an invincible obstacle to their operations; that a very severe cold set in, alternately with vast snows and rains, which made the rivers overflow in such a manner, as to lay the low countries totally under

water; that by this means, the communication between the opposite shores of the Danube became very difficult, and that between the different bodies of troops in the interior country, was entirely cut off. That in such circumstances, it became impossible to subsist the troops in a country so ruined and totally destitute of forage as Bulgaria; so that at length, after having gained many advantages, and having, by the destruction of their forts and magazines, put it out of the power of the enemy to become troublesome to them in their quarters during the winter, they repassed the Danube.

Such is the Russian account of the event of this expedition; which leads us naturally to enquire, where, or in what manner, the celebrated Seraskier Hossein Bascha, gained so much honour in this latter campaign, as to be distinguished as the restorer of the Turkish glory, and as having renewed the lustre (which had been so long tarnished) of the Ottoman arms. Of these particulars, the short imperfect accounts that are transmitted by foreigners from Constantinople, give little more satisfaction than those published by the Russians. We however gather from them, that this commander having come to the relief of Silistria; at the head of the Turkish cavalry, he first with great judgment and activity cut off the Russian convoys, and afterwards in repeated engagements, routed, and almost ruined their cavalry; so that from the vigour and celerity of his operations, the army was obliged to raise the siege of Silistria, and to repass the Danube with such precipitation, that they not only left the magazines which they had taken

taken from the Turks, but their own also behind; and that Hossein Bascha thus literally fulfilled the promise which he had made to the Grand Signior when he was leaving Constantinople, that there should not be a Russian on the right side of the Danube at the winter solstice.

We have no authority on which to form a judgment on the nature of the war in the Crimea, or of that union which it seems has taken place, between the revolted Russians and Cossacks, and their ancient enemies the Tartars. Nor are we informed, whether the insurgents and their new allies, intended to form an independent government, or whether the former, to secure themselves from the punishment due to their rebellion, were willing to submit to the dominion of the Tartar Chans, under its usual dependence on the Porte.

It however appears, that this war and revolt have been extremely troublesome to Russia. That the enemy made themselves masters early in the year of the whole peninsula; including Bachiseray the capital, except one or two maritime places that were strongly fortified and garrisoned; that the Russians have sent different armies under different generals for the recovery of the Crimea, and the chastisement of the rebels; that though little dependence is to be placed on the contradictory accounts that have been given of these transactions, it is evident that a number of actions have been fought with various success, and a brisk war carried on during the whole campaign in that quarter; and that though we have been informed, more than once, of decisive victories

obtained over the rebels and their allies; we still find affairs there to continue in the same disorder, and that later orders have been issued at Petersburg, for the sending of fresh troops; and the making of extraordinary levies for that service.

One circumstance, which still adds to the obscurity of the present state of affairs in the Crimea, seems, however, to deserve some notice. We find that the new Chan of the Tartars; Deules Gueray; had been sent from Constantinople with a considerable naval force, and attended by a great number of the principal lords of Tartary, with about two thousand of their followers, either to recover, or to take possession of the throne of his ancestors. Though the details of this expedition are not to be relied upon; yet it is certain that it failed of effect, and that the Chan, with the Turkish armament, returned unsuccessfully. The Turkish accounts say, simply, that the expedition failed of success; or, that it was foiled through bad weather; the Russians say, that this prince joined the rebels, and was afterwards totally defeated at the head of a considerable army, and driven out of the Crimea. As the former of these gives an effect without a sufficient cause; and the latter wants all subsequent marks of confirmation, we are still in the dark as to the real cause of this failure. It does not then seem very improbable to suppose, that the new allies, having formed some separate scheme of government, equally independent of Russia and the Porte, might have refused to acknowledge the authority of the new Chan; nor would the impracticability or absurdity of such a design, be a sufficient

ficient argument against its being adopted, by so headstrong and ignorant a people.

Some trifling engagements which happened between the hostile powers on the Black Sea, answered no other purpose than to shew, that from the badness of their vessels, and the wretchedness of their sailors, the one was nearly as ill framed to acquire, as the other was to preserve, the dominion of that boisterous gulph.

The Russian operations in the Levant, were not this year attended with any great eclat, or productive of any considerable advantages. Their force, however, at the beginning of the campaign, seems, by the accounts of it that have been published, to have been pretty considerable, and is said to have consisted, of 17 ships of the line, of which three were unfit for service, 13 stout frigates, from 22 to 44 guns, three English vessels, which they had purchased, of 20 guns each, and a number of small Ragusan and Duleignot vessels, which with galliots, chebeques, and chebequins, amounted in the whole to about fifty. The complement of men, which the Russian ships brought from the Baltic, was about 14000; but of these many had died, and numbers were unfit for service; the smaller vessels of different kinds, were manned by 3,500 Greeks and Albanians. These, who were fit for nothing but a pyratrical war, committed many robberies on the ships of all nations, and had long been the scourge and ruin of the Grecian islands.

The isle of Paros, anciently famous for its wine and its marble; but rendered immortal by its sta-

tuaries, had long been the principal station of the Russians. Though the situation of this island, it lying about midway between the Morea and the Lesser Asia, might seem in some respects to render it an eligible station, it seems in many others to be greatly defective: among these, its distance from either coast, particularly from that of the Lesser Asia, might be considered as a principal objection; and its smallness and barrenness, made it an uncomfortable place of refreshment and recovery for such great numbers. It indeed seems surprizing, that after the extraordinary fortune by which they destroyed the Turkish fleet, and thereby became the uncontrouled sovereigns of those seas, the Russians should not, in so many years, have been able to possess themselves of any one considerable island, which by its products might have been a support in their enterprizes, and by its strength a security in case of misfortune.

A strict connexion and alliance had long subsisted, between the Russians in the Mediterranean, Ali Bey, and the Cheik Daher; and the latter were frequently assisted in their attempts upon the Turkish ports on the coasts of Syria and Palestine, by the Russian ships, who occasionally landed troops and artillery for that purpose. They also supplied them with some officers, engineers, and a few hundreds of Greeks and Albanians, to manage their artillery. Previous to Ali Bey's departure for the invasion of Egypt, he sent in the beginning of the year, one of his principal officers, and bosom friends, to the isle of Paros, to renew and strengthen the alliance with

with Count Orlov, and to negotiate the assistance he should require in the progress of his enterprise, as well as to discover, the extent of the friendship and protection he might expect in case of misfortune. This envoy having met with as kind a reception as he could wish, carried back a letter from Count Orlov, in which he promised Ali Bey every assistance in his power, and pledged himself, in the most sacred manner, that he should never be abandoned, and that in the worst extremity, he should find an asylum in the Russian empire, where he should be as highly respected as he had been in Egypt. The defeat and death of this bold and unfortunate adventurer, put an end to the hopes of advantage which the Russians would have had a right to entertain, if he had succeeded in recovering the possession of that country.

It appears that the Russians, in the month of April, or the beginning of May, made an unsuccessful descent upon the island of Negropont, in which they suffered great loss, the Turks, it is said, having totally cut off all the men that were landed. They soon afterwards quitted the island of Paros entirely, the sick, with part of the fleet being sent to Leghorn, where they fixed an hospital, and the ships were refitted; the rest were employed in cruizes, or expeditions. It appears that they made several descents upon the islands of Cyprus, Candia, and others, which were attended with no other advantage than the obtaining of plunder; they were not, however, at all times successful in these attempts, and four sacks, full of Russian scalps, were sent from

Stanchio to Constantinople, as a proof of the reception which they met with in that island. Such matters are of little consequence, and if they were otherwise, we are neither furnished with dates nor with facts to be particular in them.

As the Cheik Daher, instead of being discouraged by the fate of Ali Bey and his army, seemed to acquire new vigour from this misfortune, and now trusting only to himself, redoubled his efforts in Syria, the Russians did not fail to encourage and uphold him in his rebellion; to which purpose, the Greek and Albanian ships in their service, have constantly attended him in his attempts upon the sea ports of that country. Several of the Russian ships have committed great disorders on the Venetian islands, in, and about, the mouth of the Adriatic sea; and by the erecting of batteries and taking possession of the harbours, have exercised a sovereignty, which seems incompatible with the respect due to the rights and dignity of an independent state. Though this conduct excited complaints at Venice, it still remains to be seen, whether that republic considers it as a violent infraction of her territorial rights, or whether it is only the consequence of a private good understanding between those powers. It is not impossible, notwithstanding the cautious conduct, and pacific sentiments of the republic, that the continual losses and fallen state of the Ottoman power, might have induced her to listen favourably to the splendid representations, of her becoming a principal in the war, and thereby recovering with facility and in a little time, those provinces and islands, which she

had been losing piece-meal for two hundred years.

The Russians, however, took a great number of prizes during the year, which were sold in Leghorn and other ports of Italy, and which might in some degree indemnify the expences of the fleet. In this respect they have gone greater lengths, than they had hitherto ventured, in seizing the property aboard christian vessels, under the certainty or pretence of its being Turkish; by this means the Levant trade has been totally ruined, and it becomes a doubt, whether the commercial states of Europe, or the Turks, have been the greater sufferers in this pyratrical war. It is certain that the most favoured of the former have severely felt its effects; and it is said that the merchants of Marseilles, and some others, who were the most immediately concerned, are irrecoverably ruined.

Such has been the languishing

state of the war in the Mediterranean, which has not, since the first year, in any degree answered the hopes that were formed upon its original success, nor the great expence it has caused to Russia. It is true, that great damage and mischief has ensued from this naval expedition; but it has fallen principally upon individuals of different nations, without effectually distressing, or essentially weakening the enemy. We find that this year, whilst the Russians were employed in plundering rich merchant ships, Constantinople has been supplied with corn and provisions, from Egypt and Syria, in the greatest abundance; and as the capital was thus preserved, from the only fatal consequence it had to dread in a war of that nature, the ruin of a few merchants, or the ravaging of some of its remote and numerous islands, were matters of little importance to the Porte.

C H A P. III.

State of the Ottoman Empire at the opening of the congress at Bucharest. Abilities of the Grand Vizir; time of the cessation profitably employed; unwearied perseverance in establishing order and discipline in the army. French consul at the Dardanelles becomes a renegade, and establishes a military school. War in Syria. Ali Bey reduces Joppa, and marches at the head of an army for the recovery of Egypt; is defeated in a bloody battle near Cairo, and taken prisoner, by Mahomet Bey Aboudaab; his death. Tribute sent from Egypt; good consequences of the reduction of that country. Cheik Daber. Armaments in the Black Sea. Some account of Hossein Bey. Dreadful plague at Bagdat and Bassora. Russia. Observations on the armistice. Migration of the Torgut tribe of Tartars. Fleet in the Baltic; alliance with Denmark; cession of Holstein. Grand Duke's marriage. Duke of Courland. Russian marine. Issue of the war in Georgia. Silver mines discovered. Magnanimity of the Empress; conduct with respect to the commercial failures; attention and regard to the English merchants. Parties in Russia.

THE time gained from the hurry and fury of war, during the negotiations at Foczani and Bucharest, was not unprofitably employed by the Porte. The disorders indeed, which partly from the relaxation of government, and partly from faults in its original constitution, had been accumulating for near a century, were become so numerous and obstinate, that it seemed almost as difficult to determine which to begin with, as it was to form a right judgment upon the nature of the remedies which were necessarily to be applied.

Egypt, was scarcely delivered from an enterprizing usurper, who had long thrown off all dependence on the Ottoman empire: who was still strongly supported, and was preparing to recover a country which he considered as his own, with all the eagerness that revenge and ambition could inspire. Syria, had long been a scene of open war

and rebellion, and the preservation of that and the neighbouring countries, became every day more precarious. The coasts of the lesser Asia were every where filled with violence and disorder. The past relaxation of government, operating with its present weakness, and the contempt drawn upon it by the disgraces and misfortunes of the war, took away all respect and fear, and put an end to all order and subordination. The grandees of the country, and even the Turkish bashas and officers, began to act like independent princes, to levy troops in their districts, enter into civil wars, and openly, in defiance of law and justice, to pursue the gratification of their avarice and revenge, without fear, shame, or remorse. In Europe, every thing to the north of the Danube and the Black Sea, except Oczacow and Kilburn, were already lost, and a beaten, dispirited, ungovernable soldiery, with the remains of a

ruined navy, were left for the defence of the remainder.

In these deplorable circumstances, the Ottomans had a sovereign, who bore his misfortunes with unparalleled firmness and dignity, and a minister, whose uncommon abilities, gave hopes that he would redeem the errors of his predecessors. Of these they had already received a specimen, which gave room for every hope in the future; as the address with which Mousson Oglou, concluded the armistice, and brought on the negotiations at Bucharest, may, perhaps, be ranked with the greatest services, that any prince or state ever received from a minister.

During this momentous interval of cessation, when every quarter presented claims which at another time would have demanded his utmost attention, the Grand Vizir superseded all other considerations, to the great object of bringing about a reformation in the army. To effect this purpose, he kept the troops from dispersing, and the Janizaries from returning to Constantinople, as they had hitherto done at the end of the campaign; and thereby preserved them from those excesses and debaucheries, which rendered them equally impatient of submission, and incapable of service, upon their return to the camp. Their bodies were now, on the contrary, hardened by the length and severity of a Bulgarian winter, where the harshness of the climate, and the roughness of the country, made them necessarily experience, degrees of hardship and fatigue, with which they had hitherto been little acquainted; while the Vizir himself, who was an avowed enemy

to the Asiatic luxury, taught them by his own example, that vigilance, activity, and temperance, which he wished them to practise: and being thus constantly under the eye, and in the power of their commanders, they became insensibly habituated to regularity and order. He at the same time took care that they should be plentifully supplied with necessaries, and their pay regularly issued; so that no real cause being left for complaint, the soldiers were ashamed to murmur at doing what was only their duty.

Thus by perseverance, and an unremitting industry, the Grand Vizir gradually curbed that licentiousness, which, during this war, had made the soldiers terrible only to their officers; while their disobedience, and contempt of order and discipline, laid them continually open, as a defenceless prey to their enemies, and rendered their courage only a certain snare for their destruction. It is also said, that by the assistance of several French officers, he has taken great pains to introduce the European discipline among the troops, and that the Turks, grown wise at length by their misfortunes, have for once subdued their pride and their prejudices, and now submit to receive instructions, which they had so often refused and so long despised.

A French renegade, who had been the consul to that nation at the Dardanelles, and had basely fixed the stigma upon his country, of producing the first public officer belonging to any western state, who had abandoned christianity to embrace Mahometism, formed a kind of military school, under the sanction

a most daring and dangerous rebel, and the recovery of a noble country, on which the subsistence of the capital and the army in a great degree depended; this success served to restrain that spirit of disorder and revolt which was so prevalent in other parts, and had a happy effect at the same time, in removing that dangerous despondency at home, which was the inevitable consequence of a continued series of misfortune. It also shewed to its enemies, the vast resources of that great empire, where such a man as Aboudaab, with little more than the bare name of government to support him, could raise so considerable an army, in one of its most unsettled provinces.

The fate of his friend Ali Bey, did not discourage the Cheik Daher, who, seconded by his numerous sons and nephews, and well supported by the Druses, Mutualis, and other barbarous tribes who have chosen to follow his fortunes, seemed to acquire new strength and courage by that event. He still carries on a very troublesome war in Syria, which keeps that and the neighbouring provinces in great disorder; nor does it seem probable that the Porte, will be able before the conclusion of a peace, to restore the tranquillity of that country.

The fleet which the Porte was able to fit out this year at Constantinople, was only equal to the task of attending to the defence of the Dardanelles, and of preserving the dominion of the Black Sea. A considerable part of it was employed in guarding the mouths of the Danube, to prevent any design the Russians might form for the invasion of Rumania, by a sudden embarkation of troops, aboard

such vessels as they could procure in those vast channels. A second squadron was sent with troops, ammunition, and provisions, for the relief of Oczacow and Kilburn; and a third was sent with the new Tartar Chan for the recovery of the Crimea. We are not well informed of any particulars relative to this expedition, except its having failed of success. The Russians say that the Chan landed and was defeated; and the Turks inform us, that the fleet having suffered much by tempests, was at length drove into the sea ports of Amasia, and obliged to land the troops to refit, who being mostly natives of that country, seized the opportunity to disband, and retire to their respective homes, by which the expedition was of necessity laid aside.

This state of inactivity, in which the Turkish marine was restrained by its weakness, ill suited the enterprizing genius of the celebrated Hassan, or Hossein Bey, the Captain Basha, or Admiral of the Black Sea. This brave commander, who had already distinguished himself with great honour in the course of the war, particularly in the fatal sea fight at Cisme, and by his bold and masterly conduct, in the expulsion of the Russians from the islands of Lemnos, and Meteline, upon finding that the Russians had passed the Danube in the latter campaign, obtained leave from the Emperor to appoint a deputy for his naval command, and to go himself in the rank of Seraskier, or principal general, to oppose the enemy. We have already seen the success that attended his bravery and conduct upon that expedition, and the precision with which

posed at the sight of this great army; and though it was on a Friday, a day which the Mahometans scrupulously dedicate to prayer, and which Aboudaab wanted to keep sacred, by deferring the battle till the next day, they obliged him to change his resolution. A desperate engagement ensued, in which Ali Bey and his followers behaved with the utmost resolution; but being also encountered, with a resolution, which they probably did not expect, they were at length overborne by numbers, and were, almost, all cut to pieces; not above five hundred being taken prisoners, and their situation not admitting any to escape.

A son and a nephew of the Cheik Daher, with several other Beys, were among the slain. Ali Bey, after being desperately wounded, was taken prisoner; and was the same day brought in that condition before the Divan at Cairo. In this forlorn situation, he lost his former resolution, and throwing himself at the feet of Aboudaab, called him his son, and requested his life in the most endearing terms. The conqueror did not insult his misfortunes; he said he should receive no prejudice from him; but that he asked what it was not in his power to grant, as his life was in the hands of the Grand Signior only. Aboudaab hept his word, and an order was afterwards issued from Constantinople for his being beheaded; but it is not known, whether he died of his wounds, or in consequence of that order.

Such was the fate of Ali Bey. A man, who independent of his ambition and rebellion, seemed possessed of several qualities that rendered him worthy of a better fortune. It does not seem extraor-

dinary that in his circumstances, he should have encountered any dangers, or engaged in any attempt however desperate, that might afford a possibility of retrieving his affairs; but the attachment and intrepidity of his voluntary followers is truly astonishing; whose hearts, instead of being dejected at the sight of such an army, or of sinking under a consciousness of their own miserable situation, which afforded neither retreat nor shelter, on the contrary, beat high for the engagement; and without any resource but their own native courage, fought, till they were cut to pieces, with all the confidence which arises in veteran troops, from a knowledge of their superiority in military skill and discipline.

There were about four hundred Russians, Greeks, and Albanians, in this ill-fated army, who kept in a distinct body, and had the management of the artillery, which amounted to twenty pieces of cannon, and with which they did great execution during the engagement. They also behaved with great courage, and were all killed to about twenty. Some Russian ships appeared at the same time upon the coasts of Egypt; but disappeared, as soon as they found the unhappy turn that affairs had taken.

The news of this important success was received with great joy at Constantinople, which was still increased, by the arrival soon after, of four years revenue that was due from Egypt, which had been kept back by the troubles, and was now sent as the first fruits of the settlement of that country. In truth, this event was the most fortunate to the Turkish empire, of any that had taken place for many years. Besides the getting rid of
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which he fulfilled his promise to the Grand Signior; and as he seems at present to stand very fairly, for being the second man in that great empire, and that his history, besides, is curious, it may not be improper to take some notice of it.

This extraordinary adventurer was born in Persia; and by one of those sudden revolutions of fortune, to which the natives of those wide Asiatic regions have in all times been more liable, than those of any other part of the world, was reduced in his infancy to a state of slavery. This early change in his condition, was the consequence of one of those irruptions, which the avarice of the Turks has continually prompted them to make into that ruined empire, since the death of Nadir Shah. He fell by purchase into the hands of a native of Rodosto, in Romania, by whom he was brought up; but growing impatient of his condition when he arrived at maturity, and the situation of that city, upon the Propontis, being favourable to his purpose, he by the assistance of a Greek made his escape to Smyrna.

As his genius lay wholly to war, and the Ottoman empire afforded no opportunity then for his indulging it, he enlisted among the recruits that are usually raised in that neighbourhood for the service of the state of Algiers, and was sent with the rest to Africa. The Algerines were then engaged in a hot war with the inland moors, who are the original possessors, and rightful owners of the country; but from whom that state, partly by force, and more, by fomenting the divisions between their princes, extort a precarious submission. Our

adventurer, by an extraordinary intrepidity, uncommon bodily endowments, and a presence of mind and invention, which found continual resources in the greatest dangers, was soon distinguished from his fellows, and by a most rapid progress, rose from being a slave to the command of an army. Having now room for the exertion of his abilities, and the display of his genius, he conducted the war so successfully, and concluded it so much to the advantage of the state, that the government of the city and province of Constantina, the richest and best belonging to Algiers, was conferred on him as a reward for his services.

But Hassan soon experienced the effects of that envy which always attends fortunate merit, for though he preserved his government for some years, he at length found so powerful a cabal formed against him at Algiers, that he had no other means for the saving of his life, and the wreck of his fortune, but by a precipitate flight into Spain, whither he carried the most portable and valuable of his effects.

The present King of Spain, having some knowledge of his merit and quality, gave orders that he should be received and treated with distinction, and afterwards, at his own desire, forwarded him to Naples. There he had the good fortune to freight a Danish ship, which afterwards proved the means of saving his life, and in which he embarked with his effects (which were worth 100,000 crowns) for Constantinople. Upon his arrival there, the agent from Algiers immediately obtained an order for the seizing of his person, as a deserter from

from that state ; which having put in execution, he was next proceeding to the confiscation of his effects. In this design he was however vigorously and successfully opposed by Mr. Gahler, the Danish minister at the Porte, who immediately sent his janizaries on board the vessel, and insisted upon supporting the honour of his master's flag, by protecting every thing that was in her.

As the discussion of this subject made some noise, and took up some time, it gave Hassan Bey an opportunity, which he did not neglect, of having his affairs represented to the Grand Signior ; and of shewing his services to Algiers, and the design upon his life, which could have been only prevented by his flight. He at the same time declared his zeal for the Porte, and made a tender of his service in such a manner, as shewed that he considered it to be of importance ; an offer which was the more acceptable, as the present war was either then begun or in contemplation. It is also probable, that as his treasure was, through the spirited conduct of Mr. Gahler, at his own disposal, he found means to employ some part of it to better purpose in the seraglio, than it would have answered in the hands of the Algerine agent. However that was, he was discharged, and immediately appointed to the command of a ship of the line. He afterwards acted as vice-admiral in the engagement at Cisme, where the not taking his advice, in standing out to sea and engaging the Russians, first cost the captain basha his fleet, and afterwards his head. In the general destruction of that night, Hassan Bey signalized himself as

usual ; he being the only Turkish officer that saved his ship, which he did by forcing his way bravely through the Russian fleet.

This extraordinary man, is at present the idol of the people, who look upon him as the restorer of the Ottoman glory. It seems, indeed, as if the Grand Vizir and he may, not unaptly, be considered as the Fabius and Marcellus of the Turkish empire. The enterprizing spirit, and brilliant actions of the latter, are, however, better known and understood by the people, and more captivating to their imagination, than the steadfast, deliberate wisdom, and judicious conduct of the former, and they are accordingly loud in their wishes, for Hassan Bey's being promoted to his place. This must naturally breed a jealousy between those great officers, which may deprive the state in a great measure of their services, and possibly end in the ruin of one or the other. Whatever Hassan Bey's merits may be, the Porte is probably indebted for its existence to Mousson Oglou.

While the western and northern boundaries of the Ottoman empire, have been liable to the ravages of a cruel and destructive war, its eastern limits have been depopulated, by that fatal destroyer of mankind the pestilence. This dreadful scourge, seems either to have varied its form, or under its old, to have assumed a degree of malignity, which is not perhaps to be equalled in history. The ancient city of Bagdat, was the first victim to its vengeance, where it carried off, (as it is said) the amazing number of 250,000 people. The fugitives, who fled in great numbers to Bassora, near the mouth of the Euphrates and.

and the gulph of Persia, brought their fears and the disorder along with them, at the distance of 240 miles. Here it raged in all its fury, sweeping away the people for some time, at the rate of six or seven thousand a day. Most of the western christians perished; the English factory saved their lives by flying into Persia, choosing rather to trust to the clemency of the usurper Kerim Khan, though their declared enemy, than to the rage of the implacable disorder. The event justified their conduct; and upon their return, they found only death and desolation in the place of a great city.

There is little room to doubt, that the change of affairs which were apprehended in Sweden upon the accession of a new king, had a considerable influence upon the conduct of Russia, with respect to her listening to terms of accommodation, and agreeing to the congress of Foczany; and it is as little to be doubted, that the subsequent revolution in that kingdom, had a principal share in the renewing of the armistice, and the entering into fresh negociations at Bucharest. Indeed, it is probable, that this was the best, if not the only reason which could be given, for Russia's entering into a cessation, which was of such infinite advantage to the enemy.

The emigration of a whole nation of Tartars from the Russian dominions, may be considered as one of the most extraordinary events of the present year. A great tribe of the Calmuc Tartars, which was called the Torgut, had long inhabited the vast deserts of the kingdom of Astracan, where, under a limited submission to the Russian

government, they fed innumerable herds of cattle, and carried on a very considerable trade with Astracan, and the towns on the Wolga, whither they sent cows, sheep, horses, leather, and hides, for which they were paid in corn, meal, rice, copper kettles, knives, tools, iron, cloth, and other Russian commodities. These Tartars were so numerous, as to be able to raise 30,000 fighting men, and whether it was, that they met with any late causes of disgust, or that they imagined the increase of the Russian power, would daily render that liberty which was so dear to them, more precarious; however it was, they determined to quit the country.

They conducted this scheme with so much secrecy, that the smallest suspicion was not harboured of their design; till they set out with their wives, children, and all their effects, for the country of Zongoria, in the Eastern Tartary, which had been the ancient residence of their ancestors, and lies between the Chinese Tartary, Siberia, and the Lesser Bocharia. In this prodigious journey, they were obliged to traverse a considerable part of the Russian dominions, and two strong bodies of troops were sent without effect in pursuit of them. Exclusive of the benefits derived from their traffick, and the value of the mass of effects which they carried with them, the loss of such a number of people, and the total depopulation of those unbounded wildernesses, that stretch so far on all sides of Astracan, must be prejudicial to Russia. It may, however, prove the means of enquiring minutely into the causes of dissatisfaction that operated upon these people, and of regulating her future conduct

court banker, that the British merchants should be supplied with any sums of money that were necessary to support their credit, in the present trying exigency; and took every other measure that could shew how much she had the commercial interests of her country at heart, as well as her particular regard to a friendly and allied power.

Great divisions seem to have prevailed this year in the court of Petersburg, the extent and nature of which are little known. Two parties, which took the names of their respective leaders, and seem to divide the empire, have, however, been avowedly formed, upon the great question of war or peace. The former of these, under the auspices of Prince Orlov, are eager for a continuation of the war, and of obtaining all the fruits from its past successes, as well as from those in expectancy, that they are capable of affording; the second follow the opinions of Count Panin, who is a zealous advocate for peace, and does not want sufficient arguments, to shew its expediency, if not necessity. The empress has

bestowed her favours and honours so equally upon those leaders, that it looks as if she thought it necessary to trim between the two parties; Prince Orlov resumed his functions early in the year, in consequence of a letter written to him in her own hand for that purpose; and Count Panin, has been called upon in the same manner, since its conclusion, to exert his great faculties for the security and preservation of the empire. It is however said, that the empress, upon all occasions in the council, has given her opinion for the continuance of the war.

Such differences of opinion would be of little consequence, if other marks of discontent had not appeared, in different parts of the empire, as well as at court. Of the causes or effects of these little can yet be said. It was however observed, that in the midst of the splendour and magnificence of the Great Duke's nuptials, and of the sumptuous festivals that ensued, discontent, suspicion, and apprehension, were in many countenances too visible to be concealed.

C H A P. IV.

King of Poland's circular letter. The grand council of the nation assembled at Warsaw. Measures for the holding of the diet. Articles presented by the ministers of the partitioning powers. Memorial; threats; answer; declaration from the Prussian minister. Ferment in the diet. Warsaw surrounded by the foreign troops. Protests, against the diet. New confederacy, under the auspices of the allied powers. Foreign troops enter the city, and are quartered in the palaces of the principal nobility. Heavy contributions threatened to be imposed. Peremptory order to the diet, to conclude the act of cession within eight days. The act passed, in the diet and senate, and signed by the king. Delegates appointed, and the diet breaks up. New system of government proposed. Treaties concluded by the delegation with the ministers of the allied powers, and ratified by the king. Some particulars of the treaty with the King of Prussia. Emperor. Dearth, and depopulation in Bohemia. Court of Berlin; conduct observed with respect to the new provinces; Jews; Dantzick; fortitude of the citizens of Thorn; Jesuits protected. Denmark; treaty with Russia. Sweden; calamities in the provinces; preparations; Finland peasants; letter from the King to the Count de Hopken.

THE King of Poland, in his circular letter for the calling of the senatus consilium, which was to meet at Warsaw, on the 8th of February, 1773, informs the senators; that their meeting had for its object, the present distressful state of their country, invaded and divided between three neighbouring powers; and encourages them to hope, that if they concur with him with temper and unanimity, in such measures as shall appear most eligible in their unhappy situation, that Divine Power, who had so miraculously rescued him from the hands of the assassins, when there did not appear a glimpse of hope for his deliverance, would still, in some manner interfere, for the preservation of their country, and its deliverance from a foreign yoke.

It is one of the preliminary requisites, in Poland, for the convocation of a diet, that the king at

a stated time, previous to its intended meeting, shall write circular letters to the several palatinates, for their holding dietines, or meetings for the election of deputies, at a time appointed; in which letters he also acquaints the nobility, with the causes for holding the diet, and the several matters that are to come under its consideration. By this means, as the electors are acquainted with the nature of the business that is to come before them, they have an opportunity to instruct their representatives, as to the matters which they are to grant, or to refuse.

The ministers of the partitioning powers, accordingly prepared a number of articles against the meeting of the grand council, which contained such matters as they intended should be particularly laid before the diet. The principal of these were, that the states of the kingdom

kingdom should acknowledge in the presence of the king, that the rights claimed by these powers to the provinces of which they had taken possession, were respectively founded in justice; that when their pretensions have been approved of and confirmed in the diet, the new frontiers of the kingdom shall be regulated and confirmed for ever by the states; that to render this purpose the more effectual, a map should be taken of the country, in which the boundaries shall be exactly delineated, and then confirmed, as before, for ever; that as a farther security to the permanence of these arrangements, treaties shall be entered into with the other powers of Europe for their confirmation; and that as the preceding constitution of Poland, occasioned great prejudices to the kingdom itself, that the power of their kings was limited and much diminished, and that the disorders occasioned thereby extended even to the neighbouring countries, it was necessary to make some considerable alterations in the constitution, the necessity and legality of which, should be acknowledged by the states.

In the mean time, those senators whose lands lay in the sequestered provinces, were forbid to attend or act in the senate, and as many more staid away upon choice, who would have no share in the present transactions, the whole number of that body that could be collected, (which should have been considerably more than a hundred) amounted only to about thirty. And lest the king and the senate, should for a moment forget the misery of their situation, and imagine they were met as free men, to debate upon

the affairs of their country, memorials, full of reproaches and threats, were delivered by the ministers of the allied powers, charging them with tergiversation and delay, and appointing a limited day for the convocation of the diet, with denunciations of the severest vengeance in case of failure.

In the answer, from Feb. 19th. the king and the senate, to these memorials, signed by the great officers of the kingdom, much complaint is made of the extreme rigour and harshness of their proceedings, which is aggravated still more, by the extraordinary stile, tone, and manner of the memorials, with the shameful neglect of all appearances of respect to the king and to the republic; they appeal to the necessity, which urged their past condescensions, and their present, to shew that their conduct could not deserve the reproaches, nor demand the threats, that are thrown out upon them; that the king with the senate, having taken into consideration, the serious menaces and imminent dangers which have been announced in case of refusal, he has yielded to the desire of the three courts, and in consequence appointed the 19th of April for the meeting of the diet. It is lastly solemnly requested, that the allied powers will cause their troops to evacuate the territories of the republic, previous to the meeting of the dietines, in order that the elections and the diet may proceed with full liberty, and that the sense of the nation may explain itself without constraint or danger.

No great business was done in the senatus consilium, except appointing the time for the diet, returning the foregoing answer, making

ing an application to Russia for the enlargement of the Polish prisoners, who had been kept so long confined in that country, entering into a resolution to prosecute the criminals, who had made the attempt upon the king's life, and the making of ineffectual applications to the powers who were guarantees of the treaties of Oliva and Velau, for their good offices and mediation at the approaching diet.

As the partitioning powers had already cut off a considerable part of the senate, they took the same measures with respect to the diet, by prohibiting under unlimited penalties, the dietines, or elections from taking place in the new provinces. In those parts of the kingdom where they were permitted to take place, great disorders prevailed; and though letters were read from some of the bishops, earnestly entreating them in the name of God to forget their animosities, to chuse proper representatives in the present critical situation, and to think only of saving their distressed country, the nobility were notwithstanding divided into violent factions; much blood was shed in several places, and many of the dietines broke up fruitlessly, without any election.

The Prince Czartoriski, great-chancellor of Lithuania, the primate of Poland, the chancellor of the kingdom, the grand marshal, with many other of the nobility, repaired to Cracow, and disclaimed all connexion with the ensuing diet at Warsaw, which they represented as a packed convention, that was entirely in the hands and the power of that tyrannical triumvirate, who had already spoiled and divided the kingdom. This body, which grew

very considerable, both as to numbers and quality, earnestly entreated the king to join them, for the purpose of assembling a free diet; but as that prince had neither the power, nor probably, inclination, to come into their measures, the design came to nothing.

In the mean time, as a fresh memento of their condition, and to prevent any hesitation in the part they were to act, Benoit, the Prussian minister at Warsaw, delivered a declaration, in which it was hoped, that the diet would approve and ratify all that had hitherto passed with respect to Poland; but if it should happen otherwise, his master would not only retract the promises he had made with respect to that kingdom, but would make the Polanders sensible that he was not to be offended with impunity, and that as he could well do without either their approbation or ratification, they should pay dear for their ill-timed obstinacy.

During these transactions, and the subsequent sitting of the diet, the countries round about Warsaw were filled with foreign troops, and the soldiers lived at little less than discretion. Indeed their licentiousness was so intolerable, that it seemed as if their masters wanted to urge the unhappy natives, to such a degree of desperation, as might throw them headlong upon the points of their swords; or that at best, they were determined to ruin the remaining country so effectually, as that it should require the time and industry of ages for its recovery. However that may be, it does not appear, setting all motives of justice and humanity far out of the question, that it was right policy in those powers, to
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indulge, in so great a degree, the outrageous licence of their troops.

The instructions which the deputies received from their constituents, turned principally, upon the preservation and support of the established religion; the immediate departure of the foreign troops out of the country; to settle definitively the limits of the republic; to cause an effectual reformation of the militia; and to settle the differences with the three powers in such a manner, as to remove every cause that could tend to a return of the troubles.

April 19th. A great ferment appeared at the opening of the diet, and it was with the greatest difficulty that any degree of order could be preserved. Though the city was surrounded by lines of the foreign troops in such a manner, that no person could depart without leave, the deputies of Podolia and Volhinia, had notwithstanding the courage, to deliver a manifesto on the first day, by which they protested against every thing that should be done in the diet. A confederacy was in the mean time formed, under the sanction of the allied powers, to which the King and the nobility were invited, or rather commanded to accede; the principal object of this confederacy seems to have been, that they should bind themselves to support and confirm all the conclusions of the diet; by which the cession of the provinces that had been seized on by those powers, was undoubtedly either expressed or understood.

The king himself signed this confederacy early, and was followed by Prince Czartoriski, and several others of those noblemen,

who had before assembled at Cracow, and declared themselves in opposition to every thing that should be transacted at this diet. As it is difficult to obtain a right knowledge of the state and views of parties, even by those who are immediately concerned in their transactions, and by their vicinity seem to have an opportunity of knowing all the causes that might operate upon them, it would be in vain to attempt forming any conclusions, upon the consistency or inconsistency, which may appear in the conduct of the great Polish leaders. A few naked facts, unattended by any of their concurrent circumstances, compose all the knowledge that can at present be gleaned up of the transactions in that country. We must only conceive a people, who have lost all means of defence, overborne by power and distracted by danger, flying from expedient to expedient, and grasping at every shadow, in hopes to evade a fate, which seems to be inevitable.

A question arose upon the forming of this confederacy, as to the time of its duration, which was shortly decided by the Prussian minister, who declared that it must continue as long as circumstances should require. In the mean time, notwithstanding the dangers with which they were environed, debates run very high in the diet; the new confederacy seems to have been very obnoxious, and the proposed alterations in the form of government, were universally detested. To take away any false hopes that were founded upon foreign assistance, or even the mediation of their antient allies and guaranties, the answers of the courts
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of France, England, Sweden, and the republic of the united provinces, to the King's letters, in which they disclaimed all interference in the affairs of Poland, were laid before the diet, and afterwards printed for the information of the public.

The debates and opposition in the diet, excited the greatest indignation in the ministers of the allied powers. Several squadrons of Austrian and Prussian Hussars entered the city, and were quartered from fifty to an hundred, in the houses of the principal nobility; the people were for three days under all the apprehensions and terror of an immediate pillage, and were continually employed in burying, or otherwise attempting to secrete their most valuable effects. Immense contributions, to the amount of 100,000 Ducats each, were threatened to be levied upon the two Princes Czartoriski, Prince Lubomirski, and some other of the principal grandees; proportional mulcts, were proposed to be laid upon others; and the city itself, with every person who had any share or influence in public affairs, was devoted to immediate ruin.

May 7th. In the mean time, the ministers of the allied powers made a declaration to the King and to the diet, that they neither would wait for, nor accept of any mediation, nor admit any mitigation of the terms prescribed; that the full cession of the provinces which they claimed, according to the extent of the partition they had already made, must be determined upon and concluded within eight days; or that otherwise, 30,000 men should, at the end of

that term, enter the city, and live at discretion in it; while every other effectual measure should be taken, as well to punish their contumacy, as to carry all the designs of the respective powers into execution, without regard to their concurrence.

Such power, and such menaces, seemed sufficient to put an end to all debate, and to determine all counsel. It was notwithstanding, six days, before the cession was passed in the diet; and then, only by a very trifling majority, fifty of the Nuncio's still opposing it, to fifty-two who voted for it. It was carried through the senate by a something greater majority, in proportion to its numbers; and the King put the last hand to a ratification, which cut off for ever, more than one third of the dominions of the republic.

The conduct of the diet, without regard to their critical situation, or to the necessity by which they were actuated, struck the whole nation with consternation and amazement. They did not think that any necessity could have induced them, to acknowledge for justice the cruel spoiling of their country, and to render her wounds incurable, by not only lopping the limbs, but cutting away the vital parts. The Bishop of Kiow, several of the nobility, and some of the Nuncio's, who had dissented to the confederacy, and the acts of the diet, and had found means to escape from Warsaw, assembled at Cracow, where they published a manifesto, in which they protested against all the acts of the diet, declaring them to be illegal, and contrary to the constitution and established laws of Poland. And a great

great number of the nobility signed this manifesto, and declared they would seal it with their best blood. Such proceedings are of little consequence, and are only to be considered as the last pangs and convulsions of expiring liberty.

It might have been hoped, that as their right to the countries which they had seized was now acknowledged, and their cession completely ratified, that the partitioning powers would have attended only to their cultivation and settlement, and left the unhappy Poles at leisure to do the same by the mangled remains of their country. This was however a degree of happiness, which it seems the latter were little to hope for. The facility with which the allied powers had gained such extensive countries, made it a matter of regret that they had not laid their claims for more, where they could be so easily obtained. It is true, that it would have been a matter of no difficulty, to form new claims upon as good a foundation as those which they had already made; but it would not have been so easy to have agreed among themselves as to the distribution. Till matters of that sort could be adjusted, it was necessary to keep the country in its present state of disorder.

Nothing could afford a more plausible pretence for further interference, than the new modelling of that government, to whose faults they owed all their late acquisitions. For this purpose, as the six weeks allotted for the sitting of the diet, were nearly expired, they were obliged to appoint Delegates, whom they armed with their own powers; who were to continue

their sittings constantly, and in concert with the three foreign and united ministers, to frame a new constitution and form of government. The Delegates were also appointed to try and punish the assassins, who were concerned in the attempt upon the King's life; to receive the ultimata of the three powers, and finally to settle the limits, and put the last hand to such arrangements with respect to commerce and neighbourhood, as should be concluded upon between them; and to conclude treaties of peace and perpetual amity with each of them separately, which were to be guaranteed and confirmed by the whole.

The great system of legislation, was however the rock, upon which all contracts and treaties were likely to split. No previous plan had been formed, nor scheme designed, for this arduous undertaking; and there was as little likelihood, of the three great powers agreement as to its form, as there was of their consistency in its construction. One point they were probably all agreed in, which was that the new constitution should be of such a nature, as would render it incapable of discharging its own functions, without their continual interference and assistance.

As nothing has been finally concluded with respect to the new government, and the present appearances are not favourable to the opinion that there soon will, it is of little consequence to be particular as to the proposals, that are said to have been made upon that head. In general it seems to have been the intention, (if any thing of the sort was really intended) that a nominal elective monarchy, with scarcely

scarcely any power in the hands of the King, and some new restrictions on the qualifications of election, should still be continued; that no foreigner, nor no person within the 4th degree of consanguinity to a late King, should be capable of filling that office; that the established religion should be the catholic, and the King always of that profession; that the King should not have the power of conferring either employments or honours; but that all power should be lodged in the hands of a permanent council of state, in which the King was to preside with only a single voice; and that this council was not to be restricted to the senate, but that others of the nobility were capable of composing it, as well as the senators.

It was also said, that the troops of the republic were to be limited to twelve thousand; but that for her further security and happiness, the allied powers were to afford her five thousand men from each, which she was to keep in her territories at her own expence.

The separate treaties of peace, alliance, guarantee, and partition, having been concluded between the delegation, and the ministers of the allied powers, were at length Nov. 19th. ratified by the King. These treaties, besides an express and definitive cession, of those provinces which had been already given up in the diet, and professions of unalterable amity, contained a mutual and irrevocable renunciation of all claims and pretensions on each other. In the treaty concluded with the King of Prussia, the republic consents to annul the 6th article of the treaty of Velau, by which the reversion

of Ducal Prussia, in the failure of issue male in the house of Brandenburg, was secured to Poland; and she now gives up all Prussia, with its fiefs and dependencies, for ever, to the King, his heirs or successors, whether male or female. A reservation is however made in favour of Dantzick, with all its districts, and the town of Thorn, with its superiorities, to both which the King renounces all claims. And to prevent the possibility of all future claims and disputes, which might arise from those articles of the treaty of Velau, which quadrate not with the present state of things, fifteen specified articles of the said treaty, are totally abolished, and the republic renounces for ever, all reversions and feudal obligations.

The districts of Great Poland, on the Brandenburg side of the river Netze, (called in the maps the Notec) together with the districts of Lauenburg and Butow, and the right of redemption to the territory of Draheim, are also ceded in the same manner; and the treaty of Bydgosz, which was executed in the year 1657, is annulled, excepting one stipulation which is in favour of the house of Brandenburg.

The most remarkable passage in this treaty, is in the article, in which the republic undertakes to guaranty those provinces which are ceded to the King, with an exception to one power, who is to be afterwards specified, and with whom the republic is not obliged to maintain a war, upon the King's account. The King of Prussia also engages, in concert with the other powers, to protect the republic from the resentment of the Porte; and

and to use his mediation and good offices, that the Turks may conform to the terms of the pacific treaty of Carlowitz, which it is declared has not been infringed by any of the late transactions.

The King of Prussia stipulates on his side, for the protection and security of the Roman Catholics in the new provinces, in all their civil and ecclesiastical rights and possessions, in the same manner as they had been under the former government; and he guaranties all those future regulations which shall be concluded at Warsaw, by the ministers of the three contracting powers and the delegates of the diet, whether with respect to the form of government, or in favour of the dissidents of the Greek and evangelic communions; all which regulations are to be ratified in a separate act, and considered as part of this treaty.

The affairs of Germany have not been very interesting, except so far as they have been connected with those of Poland, or may be supposed to have some influence on the conduct of the war. The continued augmentation of those immense armies, which must, in the nature of things, either give, or overthrow all laws in that empire, is now become so familiar, as no longer to excite alarm, or even surprize. This passion or rage, for the converting of all mankind into soldiers, has so equally possessed the two great Germanic powers, that neither of them could, in that respect, pretend to snatch the palm of honour, without evident injustice to the other.

If we can credit the accounts that have been published, the emperor has this year drawn 80,000

recruits from his hereditary dominions, of which Hungary only, yielded 50,000, besides those that were raised in the new Polish territories, which have now obtained the fanciful appellation of the kingdoms of Galicia and Lodomeria. Thus this prince is nearly at the constant expence of a war, while he undergoes all the personal fatigues that the most active general could in that situation; his armies forming continual and remote encampments along his wide extended frontiers, and he as constantly on horseback, either in the act of travelling between, or of immediately superintending them. It was computed that in the tour he made this summer, he travelled on horseback above 700 German miles, which are considerably more than equal to 3000 English. In this tour, he only eat once in the 24 hours, which was on the evening of each day, and that of such fare, as without any preparation, happened to be ready at the places where he stopped; after which he lay upon a straw bed, without any other covering than his cloak; as if he emulated Charles the twelfth of Sweden, and intended to form such another iron constitution; whilst he carefully imitates the political character of the King of Prussia.

The Emperor spent a considerable time at Lemberg, or Leopold, (the metropolis of the province that was antiently called Red Russia, as it is now of all the new Austrian dominions) which was equally convenient for attending to the government and settlement of his new subjects, to the conduct of the great armies which he poured into Poland, and to the transactions which

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and which hitherto was so great, and took up so much of their time, that they were rendered utterly incapable of cultivating their own farms to any advantage. This humane and necessary measure, has however been strongly opposed by the great lords; but as the Emperor perseveres in his intention, there is no doubt of his succeeding; as those matters which would prove impracticable to other princes, cease to be difficulties with those that are beloved by their subjects.

The further politicks of the court of Berlin, are, as usual, still secret. With respect to his military preparations, the King has not shewn less assiduity, than his younger, though not more active, neighbour. He has accordingly found means, with very little additional expence, to strengthen his armies by an increase of between 40 and 50,000 effective men, which he has done by increasing the companies of foot, from 169, their former complement, to 210 men each, without the addition of a single officer in so great an augmentation. He has also made an alteration, (which however trifling it may seem, will, it is said, be of great consequence) in the ram-rods of his soldiers muskets, which in consequence of this regulation, are made exactly alike at both ends, whereby the soldier will save the time, which he before lost, by turning the ram-rod in charging; and it is said that by this improvement, together with that of a new exercise, and Manœuvres in firing, in which they have been laboriously instructed, the soldiers are arrived at such perfection, as to fire twice as often now, in a given

time, as they could before; though they were then reckoned the quickest at firing of any troops in the world.

The pressing of men for the army has been carried on with as much assiduity throughout the Prussian dominions, as it could have been in the hottest war, so that even strangers have not been exempted from it. The new acquisitions have been particularly drained of their able men, who are sent into garrison till they become perfect in their new occupation, while the veteran troops are drawn out to be ready for immediate service. Thus a double purpose is answered, and as the old army is strengthened by the addition of a new one, those provinces are proportionally weakened, so that if a war should take place, they are rendered incapable of doing any thing effectual towards the recovery of their liberties. The King is said to have framed a new regulation, by which one half of the soldiers, are by an alternate succession, to be constantly employed during peace in agriculture and manufactures, while the others as closely attend to their military duties. Though this regulation carries a specious appearance, it may be doubted whether it will be productive of any very extraordinary advantages to agriculture, as the precariousness of the assistance will always throw a damp upon the spirit of the farmer.

The western Prussia is already brought under the same military government with the rest of the King's dominions, the whole of which may be considered as a vast encampment, of which Berlin composes the head quarters. Complete

plete lists have been made out of all the cities, towns, and villages, in the new acquisitions; of the houses and possessions; the number of inhabitants of all ages in each, and their respective occupations. All the males of a certain age, that have not been taken to supply the army, are enrolled in the militia, have received an uniform, and are obliged to learn their military exercises. It is also said, that every male child when born, receives a military collar, and ten dollars, by which he is ever after considered as a soldier immediately in the king's service, and thereby liable to all the rigour of the military laws. This account, however, requires a degree of confirmation, which it has not yet received; as one of the first, and most popular acts of the present king's reign, was the taking off that shameful badge of slavery from the necks of several thousand children, on whom it had been imposed by his father.

The Bishop of Warmia in Royal-Prussia, is a prince of the empire, and was by the ancient constitution president of the kingdom, and possessed, under the Kings of Poland, little less than entire sovereignty in his diocese, the nobility being immediately dependant upon him, and exempted from all the royal jurisdictions. The people accordingly flattered themselves, that though they had changed their paramount lord, they would in a certain degree escape the fate of the rest of the kingdom, and still continue under the immediate government of their bishop. Such an independence in any part of his dominions, was little suited to the views and disposition of the King of Prussia; he accordingly stripped the bishop

of all his temporal and juridical rights, and put the people upon the same footing as to government with the rest of their countrymen.

All business of almost every sort, had for time immemorial been carried on in Poland by the Jews. Exclusive of those occupations of merchandizing, brokerage, and money-dealing, which are common to them in other countries, they here superintended the noblemen's families, were their agents, factors, and managers of their estates, and the physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, inn-keepers, dealers, and tradesmen of the country. By this means they formed a very great and considerable part of the nation; and though the industry, (arising from their freedom) of the natives of Prussia, rendered them less necessary in that country, they were even there very numerous. The King of Prussia however, whether from a particular dislike to this part of his new subjects, or with a view to obtain great sums of money from them, and perhaps also to acquire some knowledge of the extent of their riches, published an edict, by which all those Jews in the new acquisitions, who were not possessed of a capital of 1000 crowns, were peremptorily commanded to quit the country within a limited time. This severe proscription, which broke through all the ties of blood, connexion, acquired habits, and country, occasioned a deputation of twelve elders of the Polish synagogues, to intercede with the king for their unfortunate brethren; in consequence of which application, accompanied with a present of 70,000 crowns, he remitted some part of the severity of the edict, by reducing the qualifica-

qualification for living in the country to 500 crowns, and enlarging in certain cases, the term limited for their departure.

Another edict was issued, by which all religious bodies of whatever profession, and the governors of hospitals and public charities, were obliged to send in an exact account of their respective incomes to the royal chamber at Marienwerder. By a third ordinance, all persons were forbid, whether in town or country, to dismiss any of their men servants, without first giving notice to the king's commissaries, and obtaining their licence for so doing. These are some of the effects, which every order of the people have already experienced from the change of government.

The king's conduct with respect to Dantzick, has been extremely various. The fate of that city is still so uncertain, that a detail of the proceedings relative to it, would be as useless as void of entertainment. At different times, the application of the maritime powers, and of the Russian minister, seemed to have operated in favour of the city; and suddenly after, without any apparent cause, the same violence and threats have again taken place; the tolls, excises, and port duties, have been suspended, renewed, taken off, and laid on; and every later account, teemed with new measures or regulations, which overthrew the former.

It appears that the Russian minister, who acted the part of a mediator, has supported the king's claim to a part of the harbour, which in effect gives him the command of the whole. This claim is founded upon the territorial rights

of the abbey of Oliva; which though they had generally lain dormant for several centuries, and the city had the free occupancy of the channel in question, from which only its value arose; yet these rights were at certain times claimed, and about half a century ago, became so much an object of litigation, as to lay the foundation for a law suit, which was commenced with the city of Dantzick at Warsaw; but which was never decided.

Upon the ratification of the treaty of cession at Warsaw, by which the king gave up his claims on Dantzick, except his rights to the harbour which he still retained, he withdrew his troops from the three suburbs of Schiedlits, Stolzenburg, and Schotland, which he had before fortified, and declared royal towns, as well as from the other posts they occupied in the neighbourhood of the city, only insisting upon being repaid a large sum of money which he had laid out in the fortifications and to engineers, together with some other demands, and being for the future acknowledged as the protector of Dantzick. Some transactions, however, which have taken place since the close of the year, shew that this unfortunate city is still in as precarious a situation as it had been before; and that the only certainty it has left, is the loss of its liberties, and of its antient power and splendor.

The conduct of the Prussians with respect to Thorn, bears so great a similitude to that which they observed at Dantzick, as to make it needless to enter into the particulars. Too much, however, cannot be said in praise of that
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The treaty with Russia, by which Denmark has obtained the exclusive sovereignty of the duchies of Sleswic and Holstein, and thereby becomes mistress of the whole Cimbric Chersonese, may be considered as the most fortunate and advantageous that she ever concluded. Besides the getting rid of a dangerous neighbour, where the joint and mixed sovereignty would afford eternal matter for debate and contention, and in a great measure prevent all improvement on either side, she has now, by the possession of the whole peninsula, rounded and compleated her territories, while its situation gives it nearly the strength, and all the commercial advantages of an island, and its excellent soil furnishes all the means for becoming a rich, populous, and powerful country. If these advantages were prosecuted with a reasonable share of good conduct, and had time to arrive at maturity under the beneficence of a mild and equitable government, they would cause a considerable revolution in the commercial system of that part of Germany, and Kiel might become a more than formidable rival, to its great trading neighbours of Hamburgh and Lubeck.

As the fashionable custom of maintaining greater armies than they can afford, and the attempts besides at establishing a marine, keep most of the European princes in a constant state of poverty, they are frequently obliged, upon any emergency productive of an additional expence, to recur to every expedient for the raising of money. The King of Denmark accordingly this year, sent three commissioners

as a deputation to the city of Lubeck, to negotiate a loan of 150,000l. sterling, for twenty years, with the merchants of that place; for which he was willing to pay interest at the rate of six per cent. with the farther stipulation on his side, of defending the rights of the city from all encroachments and foreign pretensions. This application was not attended with success; the magistracy after a long consultation, returned for answer, that it was impossible for them at the present time, to comply with the king's requisition of the loan; that they thanked him for his protection; but apprehended they were not at present in any particular need of it.

We have already observed, that the motions and preparations which were made in Sweden, had considerably alarmed more than one of its neighbours. And though the stale pretences, of good-will, pacific intentions, and attending only to security, were frequently repeated, it is evident they did not remove those apprehensions. Whatever the king's designs were, it is probable that the new treaty between Russia and Denmark, did not a little contribute to prevent them from ripening into action; and it is possible that the same cause, co-operating with the inaptitude of some of his allies, may occasion their being entirely laid aside.

In other matters, the wisdom and moderation of the present king, prevent the people from finding any present inconveniences through the late change of government. The first steps of a new and arbitrary government, are generally popular. Its true character rarely appears, until

until the people have forgot the blessings they enjoyed in a state of freedom.

Neither kings nor laws can prevent at certain times those calamities with which it pleases Providence to afflict nations; and the dearth this year in Sweden, notwithstanding the vigorous measures taken by a new administration and government to remedy or allay the evil, sufficiently exculpated the late senate, from the odium that was thrown upon them on that account. In several of the provinces, the miseries of the people were dreadful; and in Dalecarlia, and Wermeland particularly, after having a long time endeavoured to support life by the bark of trees, and the most unusual and unclean kinds of food, they at length perished in such numbers, that the dead bodies lay unburied in the woods and houses. The dysentery, the usual attendant, or successor of famine, raged afterwards with the greatest fury, and compleated the desolation of those unfortunate provinces; so that it was computed, that more people had been swept off, from the first in particular, during this and the preceding year, than by that dreadful plague which made such havock in the kingdom in the year 1709. The relief brought by the harvest, afforded a striking and melancholy instance of this depopulation, the wretched remains of the inhabitants being totally incapable of getting it in, and forced to offer half their crops to such strangers as they could procure to do it for them. The king sent physicians from Stockholm, with medicines at the public expence, to endeavour to restrain the ravages of this cruel disorder; but till Providence granted

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The king having made a tour through his dominions, in this time of general calamity, be the primary objects of inspection into the state of the forts and garrisons, and the condition of the army, omitted no means to alleviate those distresses, which it was not in his power to remedy. And finding afterwards, that public rejoicings were intended, to celebrate his return to Stockholm, he wrote a letter to his brother to be communicated to the magistrates, in which he expressed his sensibility of the zeal and affection which they intended to testify to his person, of both which he was sufficiently satisfied, and wished they would dispose of the money which was destined for that purpose, to the relief of the distressed poor in the provinces, of whose unspeakable miseries he had been so lately an eye witness.

In the mean time, he was indefatigable in strengthening and fortifying the kingdom, as well as the Swedish islands in the Baltic; and the excellent condition and forwardness of the fleet and army, were a matter of admiration to those, who considered the extreme scarcity and dearth of all kinds of provisions. The motions of the troops were so various, and the preparations carried on in such remote and different parts, that the intentions of the court were impenetrable to those who were immediately concerned in the event. Norway was thought to be particularly threatened, and such preparations were made in the sea-ports of the Baltic, as indicated a speedy and considerable embarkation;

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ation ; while at the same time, the motions on the side of Russia, were equally ambiguous and alarming. All the ancient treaties between Sweden and the Porte, were also renewed and confirmed, and particularly the mutual guarantee treaty of the year 1739, with the addition of some new articles.

The peasants in Finland having vainly flattered themselves, that the late revolution had emancipated them from the ancient subjection and services which they owed to their lords, lost no time in enjoying their supposed independence ; which occasioned some trouble, and their sending a deputation to court, in support of this new claimed liberty. They however found to their great regret, that their condition was not at all altered, and that the king was much displeased at their conduct, in consequence of which an ordinance was immediately published to prevent all such mistakes for the future.

The most judicious measures were taken by the king and his council, and by the directors of the bank under his immediate influence, to prevent the fatal consequences of those commercial failures, which had extended their influence throughout Europe. The king applied personally to the merchants and directors, exhorting them to lend all their aid to the support of public credit in this pressing exigency ; and declared publicly, that if any one should take advantage of the times, to raise the exchange, or the interest of money, such person, should in the highest degree, incur the royal displeasure. The wisdom of this particular measure may be doubted : but on the whole, such order was taken that credit

was fully supported, and the bank not only lent money to those merchants who were known to be solvent, but to all who could give securities of any sort, whether in lands, houses, ships, goods, or merchandize. And the effects of this conduct were so happy, that it is said, there was not, during that period, a single Swedish bill protested.

The king is not less attentive to every other matter relative to commerce, and has declared, that he will spare no pains to make it flourish in the highest degree that the country is capable of admitting. He accordingly allots a certain portion of every week, to grant audience to all persons without exception, who chuse to apply, or have any thing to communicate to him upon mercantile affairs ; whom he hears with the greatest attention and patience, and thoroughly examines their business or proposals. As an essay towards remedying in some degree the late fatal depopulation, this prince issued an ordinance, by which all peasants who have four children, or more, are excused from the payment of the poll-tax, and all other personal contributions.

The Count de Hopken, a nobleman of great worth and honour, who had some years resigned his office and dignity of senator, to retire from all public business, was lately recalled by the king to preside at the head of the senate. In a letter which the king wrote to him upon this occasion, and which did as much honour to the writer as to the person to whom it was written, he says, that he calls upon him to serve him as a counsellor and conductor ; and that if he
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knew another man in the kingdom of more understanding and virtue than himself, he would still leave him to enjoy his retirement; but that where the Almighty bestowed great talents, he designed they should be employed for the public good. He said, "I have now done my duty; do your's. I was willing to demonstrate to my country, and

to all Europe, that I wish for no other splendour on my throne but that of virtue." He concluded by a declaration, that if he did not acquiesce in his request, and that of his people, he would be responsible for it to his country and to posterity. Such sentiments, and such conduct, were worthy of a monarch.

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Naval preparations in the French and Spanish ports. Pacific disposition of the French king. Marriage of the Count de Artois. Spain; conduct with respect to England; scheme for establishing a direct trade with the East-Indies. Portugal; edict to prevent slavery from being perpetual. Court of Rome; abolition of the Jesuits; charges against them in the Pope's bull; conduct of the Italian states, with respect to the ecclesiastical power in their dominions. Death of the King of Sardinia; no appearance hitherto of its causing any change in the public affairs of Italy. Insurrection at Palermo.

THE age and pacific disposition of the French king, has for some time contributed greatly to the preservation of the public tranquillity in Europe. It was however apprehended, soon after the commencement of the present year, that the conduct of the Russians in the Mediterranean, co-operating with the affairs of Poland, the inefficacy of the negotiations at Bucharest, and the close connexion between France and Sweden, would have occasioned a change in those sentiments. This opinion was soon confirmed, by the extraordinary naval preparations which were made in the French and Spanish ports, both in the ocean and the Mediterranean; and which were carried on with a vigour and industry, that afforded some room for suspecting hostile intentions. The object of those in the Mediterranean was well understood, and probably made

no secret; but as the French and Spanish squadrons in that sea, were already far superior in force to the Russians, and required no assistance from Brest for that purpose, the destination of the fleet in that harbour was more ambiguous; it was however, generally supposed that it was intended to act in the Baltic, if certain circumstances should render its appearance there necessary in favour of Sweden.

These preparations having excited the jealousy of our court, which from its close alliance with Russia, as well as its wishes to preserve the general tranquillity, could not behold with indifference that power totally oppressed in the Mediterranean, and a new war kindled, both in the south and the north of Europe, strong remonstrances were made upon the subject at Paris and Madrid, accompanied with a declaration, that if

such measures were pursued, Great-Britain would be under a necessity of sending such a fleet of observation into the Mediterranean, as should effectually frustrate any attempts that were made upon the Russians. In the mean time a powerful fleet was equipped, and ordered to rendezvous at Spithead, and those warlike preparations were for some time continued on all sides. At length this vigorous conduct, with the pacific temper of the French king and his ministers, were able to restrain the hostile disposition which seemed to prevail at Madrid, and happily prevented the prosecution of measures, which must have involved all Europe in their consequences.

The French ministry being thus freed from the apprehensions or designs of war, have directed their attention to happier pursuits, in the extension of the national commerce, and the improvement of agriculture. Indeed the spirit of enquiry and experiment with respect to the latter, which is now becoming so general in Europe, and had in former times been so unaccountably languid and deficient, it may be reasonably hoped, will in due time be productive of the happiest effects to mankind; and prevent the return of those frequent famines, which are so fatal a reproach to their want of industry. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the laudable endeavours of those societies, which have been established in the several provinces of France, as well as in Switzerland and other countries, for the improving and extending of this most useful knowledge; and though a succession of inclement and irregular seasons, have hitherto in a great degree re-

strained the apparent benefits which would otherwise have arisen from those pursuits, their effects will not be the less certain hereafter. An extraordinary exertion of improvement has been particularly made in the country of Bourdeaux, where a vast tract of waste land, containing 400,000 acres, and which in its former state was totally useless and barren, has within these four years been inclosed and cultivated, and is now said to produce near 900,000 quarters of corn annually.

The marriage which Nov. 16th. has taken place between the Count de Artois, the French king's third grandson, and the Princess Maria Theresa, of Savoy, second daughter to the King of Sardinia, is of no farther consequence to the public, than as it may be supposed that such marriages afford an additional security to the tranquillity of Italy. Several disturbances which happened in Guienne, and some other of the southern provinces, were only the natural consequences of the extreme scarcity and dearth of provisions, and as the harvest has happily, in a considerable degree, removed the cause, the effects have also ceased without farther trouble.

Some bickerings between Spain and the Barbary states were of little other consequence, than that they served as a pretence to the former, for the extraordinary military preparations which were made throughout the kingdom both by sea and land. The present King of Spain, without being endowed with any extraordinary military talents, or the having met with those great successes which might appear sufficient to create such a disposition, is said to have an inclination

clination turned to war. The rash, precipitate, and ill-timed measures which led to the last, are with their consequences too well known to require any observation; yet the nation had scarcely time to breathe after that war, when the foundation was laid for another, by the dispute about Falkland's island; this storm was scarcely blown over, when new means were used for the raising of another; and if the moderation of the French court, had not in both cases restrained the effect, all Europe would probably by this time have been shaken.

This disposition seems upon every occasion, to have particularly shewn itself with respect to England; and though the new and extraordinary regulation, by which foreign ships of war were prevented from entering the Spanish ports, seemed to include other nations, and really affected Holland, it was evidently pointed at the former, and took in others only by accident. How it has happened, that this extraordinary proceeding has been hitherto overlooked, we cannot pretend to determine; but it certainly is not more repugnant to particular treaties, than it is to every idea of the possible existence of peace and good neighbourhood between nations, who will not afford reception to each other in their respective ports.

A great disposition seems to prevail in Spain, for the establishment of a direct and considerable trade between that country and the East-Indies. It is certain that their possession of the Phillipine Islands, and of South-America, would afford the Spaniards advantages in such an undertaking, which no other nation ever possessed; and which, under a certain conduct, might en-

gross a very great share of the commerce of the globe. It is however well for those great companies, who have long enjoyed the lucrative benefits of the East-India trade, that the Spaniards are not fortunate in enterprizes of this sort; and still more so, that this ill success proceeds from habits, manners, and natural dispositions, which are not easily cured nor altered. Neither is their government at home, much less in either of the Indies, in any degree favourable to such undertakings.

Nothing can with any certainty be said, of the state of the Spanish affairs in South-America, nor of the issue of the rebellion or war in Chili. Besides the extreme silence observed upon matters of that nature, and the impossibility of obtaining information through any hands but their own, it is probable that the court may not yet be acquainted with the issue of these troubles. It is however evident, that matters in that part of the world, are known not to be in so bad a state, as they have been represented by some late accounts; as in that case, the consequences at home must have been too visible to be concealed.

Though the suppression of religious houses, draws the principal attention at present of the court of Lisbon, the king has not neglected a matter which does honour to his humanity, and will prevent slavery from being perpetual in Portugal. It appears to have been a received opinion, that under the civil law, no woman who was herself a slave could be the mother of free children; in consequence of which, slavery was not only entailed on the black descendants of the original

negroes who came from Africa ; but also on that mixed progeny, which was the fruit of their illicit commerce with the Portuguese themselves ; so that in process of time, the black colour was frequently worn out, and masters were possessed of female slaves, under the appellation of negresses, who were much fairer than themselves, or any part of their acknowledged families. To remedy this cruel custom or law, the king issued an edict, by which all those who could prove that any of their mothers for three generations were free, were to be immediately discharged from their slavery ; and those who are not in such eligible circumstances, to continue during life in their present state ; but all the children that are henceforth born, to be immediately counted free. It was also ordained, (which seems more surprising) that these people and their descendants shall be capable of enjoying honours, dignities, and employments.

The insurrection in the Brazils is quelled in such a manner, as, at least, to obtain present quiet. We may judge in some degree of its danger and magnitude, by the loss of lives on the side of the Portuguese, which is not computed at less than seven thousand. It is, however, to be supposed, that slaves and mulattoes are included in this account.

The court of Rome, after the imminent dangers it had run, through the obstinacy, or constancy, which-ever it may be termed, of the late Pope, has under the guidance of the present, at length submitted to the united power of the house of Bourbon, by the final suppression of the order of Jesuits.

Indeed it does not seem, that any thing less than the death of the late pontiff, and the prudent acquiescence of the present, could have preserved, even the territorial possessions of that state, which had so long governed Italy, and in a great measure given the law to Europe.

As more has been written and spoken within the two last centuries of this order, than of any within the same length of time, it would be now superfluous to attempt saying much upon that subject. Some of the ablest writers of those ages, have, on both sides, fully discussed their conduct, morality, political principles, and religious opinions ; so that nothing could be offered upon those heads, which has not already been better said. It may suffice upon the whole to observe, that this order has produced a great number of very eminent men, and has contributed more to the revival of learning, and to the advancement of knowledge in the Church of Rome, than all the monastic orders put together ; while at the same time, their eagerness to intermeddle in political affairs, was supposed to render them dangerous to states, and their speculative and metaphysical opinions, to religion and morality.

The Pope's bull for the suppression of this society, is a writing of an enormous length, and loaded with precedents, to shew the supreme authority exercised by former popes, in the reformation or total abolition of other religious orders ; in which cases, the apostolic see, at all times acted solely from the plenitude of its own power, without entering into any regular process, or proceeding in the

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the usual legal forms, of admitting accusations to be exhibited, and a defence to be made; itself being the sole and competent judge, when those orders no longer answered the end of their institution, by the promotion of christianity and piety; this method being considered as better calculated to calm the agitation of men's minds, to prevent the bitterness arising from mutual recrimination, and to stifle the spirit of party and dissension.

The charges against the Jesuits are loose and voluminous, and seem in general, rather to comprehend a recapitulation of all the complaints that have been made against them from their first institution, without regard to the proofs that were brought in their support, or the decisions that were passed upon them, than of direct accusations. Thus are enumerated, early dissensions among themselves, and quarrels with other orders, as well as with the secular clergy, with the public schools, academies, and universities, together with disputes that arose upon the authority assumed or exercised by their general, and with the princes in whose countries they were received, with a long bead-roll of such general matters, without any particular observations on their nature, causes, or issue. An early appeal against them, not long after their institution, by Philip the Second of Spain, is with more propriety taken notice of; as are the appeals brought by several other sovereigns since that time: and their late expulsion from France, Spain, Portugal, and Sicily, is among the number of their accusations. From this continual state of hostility, and general dislike, in which they sub-

sisted with mankind, it is however, justly inferred, that the general tenour of their conduct was reprehensible, and pernicious in its example and consequences to the christian world.

Some other matters are of more importance. It appears, that so early as the year 1606, their rage for intermeddling in public and political affairs, was already become so prevalent and notorious, and some consequences that attended it, bore so fatal an aspect to the order, that they were obliged to pass a decree among themselves, which to give it greater efficacy, they had inserted in a brief by Pope Paul the Fifth, to forbid their members from interfering under any pretence in public affairs for the future. This remedy, as well as all others, is said to have been ineffectual, and they are charged with an insatiable avidity for temporal possessions, with disturbing the peace of the church in Europe, Africa, and America; of giving scandal in their missions, as well by quarrelling with other missionaries, and by invading their rights, as by the practice of idolatrous ceremonies in certain places, in contempt of those approved by the church. Their doctrines are also attacked, and they are charged with giving uses and applications to certain maxims, which are proscribed as scandalous, and manifestly contrary to good morals; and of having adopted dangerous opinions, in matters of the greatest moment and importance, with respect to the preserving of the purity and integrity of the doctrines contained in the gospel; and which are said, to have been productive of great evils and dangers to the church, as

well as to some particular christian states.

These enormities, with many others, are said to have occasioned their proscription at different times by several states; as well as a severe visitation which was begun by Sixtus the Fifth; but which he did not live to accomplish; and were the cause that Innocent the Eleventh forbid them to receive any more novices, and that Innocent the Thirteenth threatened them with the same punishment; and that at length those princes, whose piety and liberality to the society, seemed to have become hereditary in their families, were under a necessity of expelling them from their dominions.

After summing up these, and various other causes for their dissolution, particularly the preservation of peace in the christian republic, and their incapability in the present circumstances of answering the purposes of their institution, together with other motives reserved in the breast of the sovereign Pontiff, all ecclesiastics of whatever rank or dignity, and particularly those who have been members of the society, are forbidden, under sentence of excommunication, to impugn, combat, or even to write or speak about this suppression, to enter into its reasons or motives, or into any discussions about the institute of the company, its form of government, or other circumstances relating to it, without an express permission from the Pontiff for that purpose.

Aug. 16th. In consequence of this bull, ten bishops went at night, attended by a detachment of Corsican soldiers, to all the colleges and houses belonging to the Jesuits in Rome, of

which they took possession, and having placed the necessary guards, the communities were assembled, and after the proper notices and forms were gone through, those fathers delivered up their keys, and the locks of their archives being sealed, and effects of all sorts being secured, even to provisions, they were allowed eight days to find new dwellings, and to quit the habit of the order. They at the same time gave up their schools, and resigned all the functions of their ministry, of whatever sort or nature. The bull extended to all countries whatever in which they were placed, and sentence of excommunication was denounced against those who should harbour or conceal any of their effects.

Their General, father Ricci, is to be appointed to a bishoprick, and such of the Jesuits as were already in holy orders, were allowed, either to become secular clergymen, or to enter into other orders, having first served the accustomed noviciate of that into which they are to enter; pensions are to be allowed out of their former possessions, to those who become secular clerks, and the bishops, under whose jurisdiction they are totally to remain, have a discretionary power, to admit such of them as are remarkable for learning and purity of doctrine, to preach and to confess, from which they are totally restrained, without a written licence for that purpose. Those who had gone through the last vows, or who through age and infirmities were unfit to enter into the world, were to be collected and placed in one or more of their ancient houses or colleges, where they are for ever restrained from preaching, confession,

tion, and all the functions of their ministry, and are only allowed to exist upon a subsistence for life; the bishops being particularly charged, as they will answer it at the last day, to look to the strict observance of these prohibitions. Such as are disposed to dedicate their time to the instruction of youth, are totally debarred from all share in the government of those colleges or schools in which they serve, and the strictest caution is prescribed, that none are admitted to that service, who do not shew themselves averse to all spirit of dispute, and who are not untainted with any doctrines which may occasion or stir up frivolous and dangerous controversies. The scholars and novices were returned to their respective homes, and those who had only taken the first vows, were discharged from them; and all the statutes, rules, customs, decrees, and constitutions of the order, even though confirmed by oath, were totally annulled and abrogated.

Such was the final fate of this celebrated society; which with a very considerable stock of learning and abilities, had found means to render itself odious, to all the nations and religions in the christian world. The riches which were found in their houses and colleges, whether in specie, plate, or jewels, were very inconsiderable, and greatly disappointed the hopes of those, who expected to have found inexhaustible treasures in the search. Whether they were able to evade the terrors of excommunication, and to elude the greater dangers, arising from the prying and rapacious eyes of covetousness, by secreting their most valuable moveables, is still a matter to be

determined; though, with respect to any thing considerable, the probability is otherwise.

As the suppression of this order, has removed all ground of difference between the house of Bourbon and the court of Rome, a thorough reconciliation has accordingly taken place, and the latter is to be reinstated in Avignon and the Dutchy of Benevento. Thus the papacy, may probably for some longer time, retain its territorial possessions in quiet.

In the mean time, the Italian states are continually curtailing the ecclesiastical power in their dominions, and that court is daily losing its influence with them. Of this the Venetians have given a striking instance in the present year, by refusing to receive a bull from the Pope, by which he had conferred two abbeys in that state, upon Cardinal Rezzonico; the senate having resolved, that no ecclesiastic should possess any benefice in their territories who did not reside therein. The Empress Queen, is also beginning to intermeddle with the religious houses in the Dutchy of Milan; two of them have been already suppressed, and that is supposed to be only a prelude to the suppression of a much greater number.

The death of the King of Sardinia, has Feb. 20th. caused no apparent change in the state of public affairs in Italy. That prince had uniformly supported a long reign of more than forty years, with uncommon wisdom and ability, and had the happiness, at a great old age, to depart universally regretted by his subjects; the noblest eulogium that can be bestowed upon his character. His successor,

successor, who is not deficient in the abilities that seem hereditary in that family, and is arrived at a time of life when prudence generally becomes constitutional, it may be reasonably supposed, will not unadvisedly enter into any measures that may be dangerous to the public tranquillity; and that from his long experience in public affairs, and the example of such a father, his subjects will find no other change in their condition, than the benefits arising from a more vigorous age, and a closer attention to business.

An alarming insurrection which happened at Palermo, the capital of the island of Sicily, towards the latter part of the year, and which is not yet entirely quelled, deserves to be taken particular notice of. That delightful island, formerly so distinguished, and at all times the most fertile and plentiful in the world, has in all ages had the fortune, either to languish under the oppression of tyrants nurtured within its own bosom, or to groan under the slavery of foreigners.

The government of this country, has for some time been very impolitically conducted. Immoderate duties are either laid on the fruits of labour and industry, or exorbitant prices extorted, for licences to dispose of them to advantage. Thus the abundant harvests, one of which is supposed equal to seven years consumption, and which are the natural riches of the country, are rendered unprofitable, as the excessive rates to be paid for the particular licences for exportation, are beyond the abilities of the husbandman, and he reaps with a heavy heart that

bounteous crop, which he is debarred from turning to account. By this means, the price of corn has for several years, been reduced to about one sixth of its real and usual value; whilst the neighbouring countries at the same time suffered the greatest distress, from that scarcity which Sicily could have so happily relieved; and the tenant at home is reduced to beggary, and his lord to indigence, from the want of a market for their staple commodity.

The same weak and barbarous policy, has had similar effects upon other products, and has thrown a general damp upon the industry of the people. Thus their sugar plantations and works, which were once so famous, are dwindled to nothing; and the abundant stock of natural riches, both above and below the surface of the earth, in which this country perhaps exceeds any other, of the same dimensions, in the world, are rendered of no value.

A policy of the same kind has formerly prevailed in most parts of Europe. England was among the first to perceive the weakness of its principle, and mischief of its tendency. Popular prejudices, however, concur in many places still to support so mischievous a system; and the emoluments received by government and its officers for occasional dispensations, renders the abuse lucrative, and therefore permanent. The remains of the feudal system have continued longer in that country than in any other; their barons had till lately great power, and they still inherit from their brave Norman ancestors, the name and shadow of a parliament, which

which is composed of the barons, clergy, and the representatives of the considerable towns.

To annihilate the power of the barons, who are still rich and considerable, is said to be an object of this destructive policy; and to this unworthy pursuit, is sacrificed the prosperity of a whole people, as well as the power and opulence which might have been derived from the possession of so noble an island. Poverty and distress will bend the haughtiest minds; and the people have the satisfaction to know, that they are not ruined; as a punishment, for any fault of their own, but merely to humble their lords, and make them totally dependent.

The insurrection at Palermo, was not however the effect of those general grievances; but of some that particularly related to that city. As in a country where permissions are purchased for liberty to trade, all commodities must of necessity fall into the hands of monopolists, so the same causes, that on the one hand prevent a reasonable price from being given for them at a fair market, will frequently on the other, operate in such a manner, as to produce all the effects of a real scarcity. Thus in Palermo, the monopolies granted by the Viceroy (it was alleged) with what truth or falsehood we cannot say, had so pernicious an effect, as to raise the price of some of the most essential necessities of life, to a degree intolerable to the people.

The arguments prompted by the belly, are understood by all capacities, and in great cities particularly, are irresistible in their force. Previous, however, to any disturbance, Prince Cassaro, Pretor of

the city (one of the offices of the first power and dignity in the kingdom) remonstrated in such strong terms with the Viceroy upon his conduct, and the hardships which the people suffered, that very high words are said to have passed upon the occasion, and something like a challenge from the former. The prince then, by his own proper authority, stopped two ships which belonged to the monopolizers, and were just got without the harbour, freighted with cheese, in their way to Naples; after which the cargoes were landed by his order, and sold at the public markets at the usual prices.

This measure entirely quieted the murmurs of the people; but it happened soon after, that the prince fell ill of a strangury, and in a short time died. Having chanced to employ the Viceroy's surgeon; it was maliciously reported, and by vulgar credulity believed, that he died by poison. This event, and its supposed cause, flew with the utmost rapidity through the city, and threw every part of it into the utmost disorder and confusion. Prince Cassaro was universally lamented, as having fallen a martyr in the cause of the people; while the supposed authors, of so base and villainous an action, were regarded as objects of the utmost rage and detestation.

The people immediately assembled, to the number of thirty thousand, with drawn swords, muskets, and pistols, and having seized some of the Bastions, drew two pieces of cannon into the square in the center of the city, which they loaded with old iron and glass, and stood with lighted links, ready to discharge them as there should be occasion,

casions. The unhappy surgeon was an immediate victim to their fury, whom they immediately cut in pieces; they afterwards broke open the prison gates, and discharged the prisoners; and the regiment of horse guards being ordered out to suppress them, they were so terrified at their appearance, and at the immediate preparation they saw for discharging their cannon, or what is more probable, so infected with the common distemper, that they were ready to abandon their officers, when the commander cried out, that he was not going to engage enemies, but coming as a friend, to preserve peace among his friends and countrymen; and having saluted the revolvers, and held a conference with some of their leaders, the horse returned very quietly to their quarters.

In the mean time, the archbishop came to quiet the insurgents, and promised them that the Viceroy should depart from the city, and that he would act in his place, till the King should appoint another. This proposal having given entire satisfaction, every thing was immediately restored to order and quiet. But the people being informed in the night, that the Viceroy had sent to several places for troops, and had ordered the garrison to Sept. 20th. secure the works and cannon, they assembled the next day, in equal numbers and with greater fury; and immediately possessed themselves of all the bastions, forts, and works, the soldiers suffering themselves to be disarmed, without firing a single shot, or offering the smallest resistance.

They then placed detachments of their own body in the works, and at the gates, and obliged se-

veral of the principal nobility, to take each of them the command of a bastion; after which they proceeded to the houses of three or four of the monopolizers, and principal favourites, whose furniture and effects they piled in the street and burned; the owners having happily escaped with their lives. Upon this occasion they executed an act of rigid justice upon one of their own people, who having secreted some valuable moveables that he found in one of those houses, was detected and put to death on the spot; this being the only life that was lost in that day's tumult.

The main body during this transaction, marched with cannon to assault the castle or palace, where they met with as little opposition as elsewhere, and having broken into different parts of it, found the Marquis de Fogliani, the Viceroy. His life would have been immediately sacrificed, if it had not been for the bravery and humanity of a popular young nobleman, who embracing the Viceroy, and covering him with his body, declared they must strike through it if they attempted to wound him; which generous action happily restrained their fury. This gave time to the archbishop once more to interfere, when it was agreed, that the marquis should immediately go on board a Genoese vessel which was waiting in the harbour, and depart directly for Naples. The Viceroy was carried through the city in his own coach, attended by the archbishop, notwithstanding which, he was loaded with the execrations, curses, and reproaches of the people, all the way to the water side.

The Viceroy, whether by accident or design, did not proceed to Naples;

Naples ; but was landed at Messina, where he still continues, and thereby retains the government of the island. The archbishop in the mean time, to restore order and tranquillity, consented, at the desire of the insurgents, to supply his place at Palermo ; and promised besides to use his interest with the King, for the obtaining of a general pardon, and for the redress of some of those grievances, which had caused the most uneasiness. Deputies were accordingly appointed, to lay the whole affair before the King, and after shewing the grievances which gave rise to the troubles, to solicit for the pardon, and a redress of them. The city then returned to its usual quiet, without any other change, than that the gates and walls were guarded by the burghers instead of the usual garrison.

The court however, did not seem at all disposed to comply with the conditions, for the performance of which it seems the archbishop had engaged. Upon the receiving of this intelligence at Palermo, every thing was thrown again into its former disorder. The burghers and people walled up three of the gates, and placed strong guards at the fourth, and were so apprehensive of a surprize, that they would not suffer the church bells to be rung. They at the same time, obliged the nobility who had retired to their country houses to return, under pain of having their palaces demolished, and the guards were particularly watchful, that none of those in the city should depart ; while the inhabitants seemed so resolute and determined to defend themselves, that they were continually employed in making

the necessary preparations for that purpose, and the mechanicks worked at their trades, with their arms lying by them for immediate action.

This state of anarchy and commotion, naturally produced great disorders, and the lowest of the people elected a mechanick to be their Viceroy. This new representative of royalty was so well pleased with his power, that he thought he never could have time to exercise it sufficiently, and was accordingly so industrious, that in the first three or four days he sent above six hundred people to prison. The maestranza, or tradesmen of the city, could not endure the insolence and licentiousness of the lowest set of people, and a scuffle accordingly ensued, in which seven or eight persons were killed, and the new Viceroy and his party defeated ; they were not however so entirely reduced, as to put an end to the disorders.

In the mean time, the conduct of the court of Naples, seemed not to be either so gracious, or so vigorous as the occasion required. Preparations were slowly made, and some small bodies of troops were sent to Sicily ; the Viceroy was confirmed in his government, and his design of removing its seat to Messina, approved of ; thus a tacit approbation was given of his conduct, and nothing decisive declared, with respect to the late troubles, nor the intentions of the court shewn with regard to its authors. The usual futile recourse of despotic governments was applied to, by forbidding all persons from talking of the affairs of Sicily. Marshal Corasa, a native of Cephalonia, was appointed commander in chief of the forces

forces in that island, in opposition to the prince of Villa Franea, who the people had earnestly requested, to have been nominated to that employment. The marshal arrived at Palermo at the end of the year, with two weak battalions, consisting only of seven hundred men; and was received in that city with

all the honours due to his rank; but his soldiers were not admitted, and are obliged to lodge in the suburbs. Thus the affairs of Sicily, and the fate of Palermo, hang still in the same state of apprehension and uncertainty, in which they have continued for some months.

CHAP. VI.

General state of public affairs previous to the meeting of parliament. Ministry. Parties. State of the East-India Company; short review of its affairs, with the causes of its present embarrassment; supervision; application to government for a loan. Parliament meets. King's speech. Secret committee. Debates on the establishment for the navy. Report from the secret committee. Bill for restraining the East-India Company, with respect to the supervision; debates; witnesses; counsel; second report from the secret committee. Bill passed in both houses. Protest.

THE time that elapsed during the recess of parliament, was not productive of any public events either foreign or domestic, that materially affected the interests of this country. The negotiations that were carried on at Foczani, gave room to hope for the conclusion of a peace between the belligerent powers; and if it proved otherwise, there was no reason to imagine from what had hitherto appeared, that we had any intention to be involved in the consequences of the war, unless some very extraordinary change took place both as to its nature and extent, which was not yet to be foreseen.

At home, administration had carried every thing with such irresistible force in the last session, that opposition seemed to be reduced to little more than a name; and could afford only a weak and unavailing dissent, to measures which it was

not capable of impeding: whilst its members were weary of fruitless exertions, in which the inequality was so great as scarcely to admit of a struggle. In this state of things, it seemed as if nothing but disunion or intrigue in the cabinet, was capable of obstructing the views, or endangering the security of the minister; and these, if there were such, were not of a sufficient magnitude to answer either of those purposes.

With respect to parties, the remains of the old whig and revolution interest, which we have already frequently taken notice of, under the name of the Rockingham party, although there were some actual desertions from them, and a doubtful appearance in a few of those that remained, they were in the main, rather better united than the rest. They in general, continued pertinaciously in their old opposition, to the system and measures

measures of the court, and firm in the support of their leader. The party which is thought particularly attached to Lord Chatham, did not seem much nearer to a political arrangement with administration; though they agreed with them in many of the measures, or at least in some parts of many of the measures of this session. This circumstance added extremely to the weakness of opposition. We have formerly shewn, that several of the late Mr. Grenville's friends, soon after his decease, went over to the court; some of them, however, have still continued on their old ground, and have accordingly acted occasionally with the other parties who dissent from administration.

In this state of security, no change had taken place in administration, which could either affect its internal strength, or its outward conduct. The Earl of
 Aug. 14th. Hillsborough indeed, had resigned his office
 1772.

of secretary of state for the American department, together with his seat at the head of the board of trade, both of which were bestowed on the Earl of Dartmouth, who upon this occasion quitted his old friends in opposition. This resignation was not however, the effect of any difference with the court; that nobleman having quitted his places in great good humour, and being immediately after promoted to an English Earldom. But as those measures, which had caused the greatest dislike and uneasiness in the colonies, had originated in Lord Hillsborough's administration, this change was by many considered as conciliatory with respect to America. This was the more believed, as both

Lord Dartmouth's private character and public conduct had given a sanction to the opinion; he always had acted with those gentlemen who repealed the stamp act, and had since opposed every other mode of taxation in the colonies; his appointment was therefore considered as the prelude to a change in American politicks. But it seems that the general system of administration has overborn any particular dissent, and that the plan of American government continues without any alteration from the changes in office.

Some other changes which afterwards took place, had as little effect upon the general system of government. The Earl Oct. 9th. of Harcourt succeeded Lord Townshend in the government of Ireland, and the latter was appointed master-general of the ordnance; the death of the Earl of Albemarle afforded an opportunity for promoting General Conway to the government of the island of Jersey; and Sir Jeffery Amherst, who succeeded him in the ordnance, was soon afterwards called to the privy council. Lord Stormont, was appointed ambassador extraordinary at the court of Versailles, in the room of the Earl of Harcourt; and upon the death of the Earl of Litchfield, Lord Edgumbe having got the band of gentlemen pensioners, Mr. Jenkinson was appointed a joint vice-treasurer of Ireland in his stead, and Mr. Charles Fox, a lord of the treasury, in the room of the latter.

The East-India Company had long been amongst the first and most delicate objects of government. From the time that their
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affairs were first introduced into parliament in the year 1767, the idea of bringing the business of that Company under the immediate inspection of the officers of the crown, had rather been suspended than abandoned. The difficulties, however, attending this scheme, and the large sum of money by which the respite was purchased from government, rendered administration rather supine on that subject for several years; until the impossibility of the annual payment to the state, and the annual increased dividend to the proprietors, roused both proprietors and ministers out of their lethargy, caused the sharpest dissensions amongst the former, and animated the latter to the prosecution of their original scheme of deriving power to themselves, out of the innumerable disorders of the Company.

The abuses both abroad and at home were great and serious. In several things the form of the Company's government stood in need of correction. Many thought that the conduct of individuals ought to be diligently enquired into, their vast wealth confiscated for the national benefit, and severe punishment inflicted, as an example to those who should hereafter be entrusted with such power, under such temptations to abuse it. To all this was added the clamour raised, by the discontent of all those who, at any time, had any discussions with the Company abroad or at home, and which was propagated in various publications, with a degree of activity hardly credible. It is not improbable, that in these passionate accounts, the misconduct of the Company's servants, and of the Company itself, was

somewhat magnified. All these publications terminated in one point, viz. that there was no redress for the abuses complained of, but in delivering the whole of the Company's political and military affairs into the hands of the crown.

Indeed there is no form of government so happily framed, nor state of human nature so perfect, in which, the power, opulence, territorial possessions, and revenues, of that Company, would not have excited the avarice and ambition of their rulers, as well as the envy and jealousy of their equals. Mankind will prescribe bounds to wealth, as they would to happiness, if nature had not done it for them; and the continence of power will be considered as more than human, when it can resist the temptations offered by riches, dominion, and patronage.

We have formerly shewn, how the violence and interested views of parties among themselves, first laid open the affairs of the Company to the public, and drew the attention of the then administration upon them; we have also seen the consequent measures that were pursued, for the obtaining of a participation of their revenues, until the Company were under a necessity of submitting to the payment of the amazing sum of four hundred thousand pounds annually to government. The Company were at that time incumbered with an enormous load of debts, both in Europe and in Asia, nor were they long enough acquainted with their new acquisitions, to obtain a clear knowledge of their net revenues; it would therefore seem, that nothing but a false estimation

tion of their own strength, operating with the immediate dread of power, on the one side, and an impatient avidity, incompatible with true policy, on the other, could have induced the former to grant, or the latter to require, any participation in their revenues, until those debts were reduced to a moderate size, and the true condition of the Company known.

The event has too fully justified this opinion; and we have seen the Company, in the course of a very few years, brought to the brink of bankruptcy and ruin, in consequence of various mismanagements of their servants, various mistakes of the proprietors of that Company, and various errors of administration, and even of parliament. For though the revenues of Bengal and its dependencies are very great, the stated and certain disbursements, exclusive of contingencies, are also very considerable; of which the tribute to the Mogul, and the stipends to the nominal nabob, his duan, and other great officers, amount to about one million sterling annually, besides the expences of collection. A great military force, of near 30,000 men, must also be kept up as a matter of necessity; and the civil establishments, from the nature and distance of the countries, the temper and manners of the people, with other circumstances, must of course run very high.

To this it may be added, that however great the opulence of Bengal might be, yet as it was not founded upon any inherent treasure in mines, but depended solely upon the labour and industry of the people, upon commerce, manufactures, and agriculture, it

cannot be supposed that it could long bear, the sending of between seven and eight hundred thousand pounds sterling of its capital stock, annually out of the country, without a possibility of its return. This was however the case at present, the tribute paid to the Mogul, and the sum to the government here, being to that amount. With this enormous waste of its treasure, Bengal was also obliged to furnish the Company's investments for China in silver, at the same time, that its ancient and abundant sources for that commodity from Europe, were very much diminished by the change of government and property. It appears then upon the whole, that with the best management and the greatest œconomy, the Company was not, with justice to itself and its creditors, equal to the payment of that sum to government, to say nothing of its increase of dividend.

It must however be acknowledged, that œconomy was not practised, and that through the rapacity and misconduct of the Company's servants, great disorders prevailed in the conduct of their affairs. It is said, that expensive wars had been wantonly entered into, and shamefully conducted, to gratify the avarice and interested views of individuals. Vast sums were also charged to have been lavished upon fortifications, which were either unnecessary, or of such an extent, that the number of troops requisite for their defence, would always be sufficient to command the field in that country. Such works are frequently converted into jobs in all countries; but in this instance, it is probable, they may be considered merely as such.

Numberless other grievous complaints were made, many of which, it is to be feared, were too well founded. Pernicious and oppressive monopolies were established; and much wrong and oppression was practised by individuals, in countries where the name of an European was sufficient to authorize any act of injustice to the natives. It could not even be hoped, that courts and governments, any more than particular persons, were undeserving of censure, at such a distance from any controul, and in a situation, in which an immense fortune was a sure justification of the means by which it was acquired.

It was to remedy some of those evils, and to prevent others, that the three unfortunate gentlemen, who are too justly supposed to have perished on board the Aurora, were sent out in the year 1769, as supervisors to India. The fate of these gentlemen, was undoubtedly one of the greatest misfortunes that could have befallen the Company. They must have remedied many evils; and if it were admitted that they might have created some, still the benefits would have been great; but in no instance of so much consequence, as in removing the pretences for that fatal interference, which, through the misconduct of its servants, government has since assumed in the affairs of the Company.

During this state of disorder and misconduct abroad, the Company was agitated by violent disputes. It was necessary to communicate with government, to whom the non-payment of the four hundred thousand pounds annually, was to be accounted for, and where for-

bearance, at least, if not, assistance, was to be demanded. The directors, and a strong body of the proprietors, were in a continual state of hostility. The former were charged with acting immediately under the influence of the court, to which, it was said, they exposed the affairs, and sacrificed the interests of the Company; and indeed it appeared in some instances, that they had either been imposed upon themselves, by the ambiguous expressions and conduct of the minister, or that they joined in the deception of their constituents.

Though the Company had been drawn into the hands of administration, and their affairs under the cognizance of parliament, so early as the year 1767, nothing had been done in all this time towards their regulation or settlement, except the restricting of their dividends, rescinding their acts, and the obtaining from them, without any visible equivalent, immense sums of money, which were far beyond their abilities. No order was taken, conformably to the amazing change in their condition, for the regulation or government of their new acquisitions; nor no new powers of controul lodged in their hands, to counterbalance the immense trusts which they were now under a necessity of reposing in their servants; nor to restrain or prevent those evils which must naturally attend the quick transition, from the management of a counting-house to the government of an empire.

While the many were surprized at this apparent inattention to matters of the utmost importance to the nation, some of those who were the most versed in political manœuvres,

neuvres, pretended to foresee the consequences that have since taken place, and argued, that such glaring disorders could not have been overlooked; that they were permitted, only to render the Company odious through the faults of its servants; to shew its incapability of governing such great possessions; and to prepare the nation for the changes that were to follow.

However this was, the mal-administration in India, with all its consequences, were suffered to pass without notice or observation; and we have already seen in the transactions of the year 1772, that though the affairs of the Company were evidently alluded to at the opening of the session, in the speech from the throne, they were nevertheless suffered to lie over till near its close, when a bill was brought in by the deputy-chairman, for enlarging the controuling powers of the Company with respect to their servants in India. The bill came to nothing in that session. But a member, though in the king's service, not connected with ministry, whether with or without their consent, at length awakened their attention to this object. This gave birth to the select committee, which was armed with full powers for all the purposes of enquiry.

The Company were now alarmed; and were not only apprehensive of a rigorous enquiry; but were too sensible from late experience, of the inefficacy of charters for their protection, in a contention. It was therefore proposed in the India-House, at the end of that session of parliament, to send out during the recess, a new commission of supervision, with full powers

for the regulation of all their affairs abroad. Some time was however necessarily spent in bringing this scheme to maturity; it being not less difficult to agree upon the persons who were to be appointed to an office of such great importance, than upon the extent of the powers with which they were to be furnished. At length, six gentlemen were nominated for this purpose; and a general officer of high rank and estimation, who had commanded with great honour in the late war in America, consented to go out at the head of the supervision. The meeting of parliament however put an end to the design. It was now generally known, that the affairs of the Company would form the principal object of the ensuing session; no other cause could be assigned for its being opened before the holidays, and as administration had no share in the appointment of the supervisors, though the measure itself had been countenanced by them, it was easy to foretell, that parliament would interpose to prevent its being carried into execution.

The various results of all the errors that had been committed, and the misconduct that had prevailed both at home and abroad, were now accumulated, and had appeared in their full force during the recess of parliament. The Company, with an empty treasury at home, had accepted bills from Bengal to an immense amount, which were now coming round in course of payment; they were at the same time deeply in debt to the Bank for cash borrowed, to the revenue for custom-house duties, and to the treasury, on the annual stipulated payment, as well as on the

article of indemnification for teas, an experiment made in concurrence with government; but by which they were prodigious losers. Though this state of their affairs might have been easily foreseen by those who were at their head, nothing was done to prevent it; the dividend was raised to twelve and a half per cent. the annual tribute to government, accordingly continued, and the India bills, to the amount of 1,200,000*l.* wantonly, or carelessly accepted, without a due attention to the funds by which they were to be paid.

These distresses took away all the means of defence, and threw the Company naked into the hands of administration. The directors were under a necessity of entering into a negotiation with government for a loan to extricate their affairs, at a time, when the most hostile measures were, probably, in contemplation. The first lord of the treasury, received these proposals with dryness and reserve. He referred them to parliament for satisfaction. Thus the crimes and misdemeanors of their servants, together with the envy and obloquy which attended their immense fortunes and conduct at home, became at length blended into one common and undistinguished mass, with the general state of the Company's affairs, their territorial and corporate rights, the causes of their present distresses, and the recent application for borrowing money from the public.

The enquiries made by the select committee, were principally directed to the measures pursued, and the conduct of the Company's servants in Bengal. The publication of the reports of this committee, excited a general indigna-

tion, and furthered the confusion of ideas, and inflamed the heat of these passions.

Such was in general the state of public affairs at the meeting of parliament. In the Nov. 26th: speech from the throne, it was observed, that their private convenience would have been consulted by allowing a longer recess from business, if some very important parts of the public service had not required the immediate attention of parliament. It then showed, how much the commerce and revenues of the nation, as well as the private rights and interests of a considerable number of particular people, were interested in the maintenance of the credit and prosperity of the East-India Company. That upon information of the difficulties in which that Company appeared to be involved, it was determined to give them an early opportunity of informing themselves fully of the true state of their affairs, and of making such provisions for the common benefit and security of the various interests concerned, as should be found best adapted to the exigencies of the case.

Hopes were conceived, that the war which had so long unhappily prevailed in a part of Europe, was drawing to a conclusion; and it was observed, that though there was no probability of our being involved in it, the discontinuance of those troubles would afford a fairer prospect of the duration of peace: which, it was hoped, the alterations that had taken place in Europe, would not in their consequences affect. That as foreign powers had given the strongest assurances of their pacific dispositions towards

broke both her thighs; the first person who came to her was her brother, whom she earnestly entreated to put a period to her misery by cutting her throat; she was immediately taken home, but with little hopes of recovery. It is thought that a love affair was the cause of this rash action.

21st. Letters were transmitted from the corporation of Canterbury, to Sir William Lynch, Knight of the Bath, and to Richard Milles, Esq; their representatives in parliament, instructing them to attend the House of Commons on the motion to be made there by Mr. Sawbridge this session, for shortening the duration of parliaments.

Frontiers of Poland, Jan. 16. The number of Polish lords which return to their country under the present circumstances, are very few; many chusing rather to abandon their fortunes, than be restored to the possession of them by a submission which they are averse to. The oath which the Russians require the inhabitants of this country to take, is as follows:

“ I do swear to Almighty God, upon the Holy Evangelists, and I promise by the present oath, an inviolable fidelity, and perfect obedience, to her Imperial Majesty the Empress Catherine Alexiowna, Autocratix of the Russias, and to her beloved son the Grand Duke Paul Petrowitz, presumptive heir of all the Russias. I promise to be always ready to sacrifice my life, and to shed the last drop of my blood for their service. I kiss the Holy Scriptures, and the cross of my Saviour, to render my oath sacred and inviolable.”

Copenhagen, Jan. 19. This

morning, about six o'clock, her Royal Highness the Princess Louisa of Hesse was safely brought to bed of a princess.

Stockholm, Jan. 19. On the reception of our last letters from Amsterdam of the 29th ult. which informed us of the many failures at that place, our merchants were thrown into the greatest perplexities. M. Soderlin, Counsellor of Commerce, and Commissary of the Bank, well known for his patriotism and disinterestedness, lost not a moment to remove their fears. He immediately called an assembly of the deputies of the bank, from whom he obtained their consent to assist all the solvable houses, who were able to give security, either in effects, houses, ships, or any other valuables. His Majesty not only approved of this generous resolution, but sent a message to the body of merchants, exhorting them to lend their aid on this pressing occasion, declaring at the same time, if any one should take advantage of the times to raise the exchange, or the interest of money, they would incur his Majesty's highest displeasure. From that moment tranquillity took place of despair, and we feel the happy effects of a revolution, which has put it in the power of the best of kings, to do the most essential service to his subjects.

This morning, about five o'clock, the Queen was 27th. taken in labour, when his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, with other officers of state, were sent for; but, before their arrival, her Majesty was safely delivered of a prince, about ten minutes before six, and both her Majesty and the young

into the committee, would be virtually appointed by the minister, and that it would consist only of those identical persons, whom he had already designed for the purpose. That it was too general a practice with ministers, to endeavour to keep matters of national concern, concealed from the public eye, thereby giving an opportunity to the few, who were in their favour, to profit from their exclusive knowledge, at the expence of the many, about whom they were indifferent. That the very name of a secret committee was ominous, and carried with it suspicion, apprehension, and all the ideas of an inquisition, instead of that confidence, and opinion of clearness, which should result from the fair and open investigations of a popular assembly.

That this measure, from its nature, was likely to operate diametrically contrary to its avowed purposes, and to promote that destructive gaming in the funds, which it pretended to remove or prevent; that it unnecessarily entrusted a few men with a power, of working upon the passions of the proprietors of India stock, in any manner that they pleased; and thereby affording a needless opportunity for taking the most undue advantages, of their fears, precipitation, or ignorance. That by an enquiry carried on in a committee of the whole house, a clear view of the Company's affairs would be obtained, and right measures accordingly pursued for their regulation, and for affording such relief and assistance as was necessary; but that by this narrow, partial enquiry of a cabal, they could obtain no information but

what the minister thought fit to communicate; so that they might in effect be degraded into the dupes of a ministerial junto, and become subservient to the most contemptible or iniquitous purposes. As to the pretence of secrecy, they argued, that it was altogether ridiculous. If a fair report were made of the Company's affairs by the committee, the public must become masters of it. If an unfair report was made, the House would be deceived; and the pretended purpose of the committee be thereby frustrated. That the whole affairs of the Company had been frequently in that house, and were already thoroughly known by those who chose to be at the trouble of the enquiry. If an evil, the evil had happened.

It was said on the other side, that great complaints were made of the mode of enquiry that had been adopted in the last session, and that the Company's present embarrassments, might in a very considerable degree, be attributed to the consequential publication of their most private affairs; that the present motion was intended to prevent a repetition of that evil, and was the best that could be devised for the purpose; and that those evils which, it was said, were apprehended from it, were purely imaginary, and could have no real existence. To blame a committee named by the whole House, was in reality to accuse the House itself, and was an objection equally strong against all their proceedings.

The imputations that had been now thrown out, together with some preceding insinuations, with respect to the late select committee, called up the gentleman, who had
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been its mover and chairman, who vindicated its conduct with his usual energy. He shewed the fairness, openness, and clearness of the proceedings in that committee, the nature of their enquiries, and the importance of their object, which was no less than the preservation of Bengal and its territories, and the restoration of order and good government to an infinite number of people. After having passed some strictures on the proposed measure, with respect to which he would not however give any vote, he gave notice that he would move the next day for the revival of the select committee; and made a declaration, that if such crimes appeared in the course of their enquiries as should merit impeachment, he would not shrink from his duty, by declining that task, however disagreeable.

The motion for the secret committee, passed without a division; and the ballot having taken place in two days after, it happened, as had been foreseen, to be principally composed, either of gentlemen who were immediately in office, or who were well known to be entirely devoted to administration. The select committee, having been much more indifferently and impartially appointed. This committee was armed with full powers; and it was laid down to them as an instruction, to take into particular consideration, the measure of sending out a commission of supervision to any part of our territories in the East-Indies. The select committee was revived the succeeding day; a measure, which seemed to militate with the benefits that were to be derived from the secrecy of the other; but the mi-

nister said, he had previously promised not to oppose its revival.

The naval establishment was the source of a very considerable debate, in this session, as well as in the preceding. A motion being made, that 20,000 seamen should be employed for the service of the ensuing year, it was strongly opposed, not only on the old ground, of the number being greater than necessary in time of peace; but a new objection was started, to the mode of voting the supply in the gross, at the rate of four pounds per man, per month, without specifying the particular services to which it was applied.

On the first of these heads, most of the arguments which had formerly been used upon the same occasion were repeated; it was said, that the speeches from the throne were continually announcing peace to the public, and the ministers acting in direct contradiction to them; that in this ridiculous middle state between war and peace, a state for which no name had yet been discovered, we had the expences of the former, without its name, and the name of the latter, without its benefits or security; that a reduction of the public expence was every year promised, while every year's experience shewed, that there was not the smallest intention of its being effected; that two millions were now annually appropriated to the navy in time of peace, though less than half that sum, was a few years back found sufficient; so that the enormous sum of two millions, was to be considered for the future, as our certain peace establishment for the navy only.

With respect to the other, it was
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manufactory at Dresden, by which a great part of the white porcelain was destroyed.

DIED lately, in Sweden, a peasant, at the age of 109 years. What is remarkable, his mother died aged 110; and his brother a few years ago died when he was 109.

Mr. James Newnham, aged 102, at Hampstead; he was a lieutenant in the Duke of Marlborough's own regiment, and was wounded at the battle of Blenheim, receiving a ball in his thigh, which went quite through.

Mr. William Dykes, in the 103d year of his age; one of the people called Quakers, and late an eminent woollen-draper in Cheapside.

At Eamont-bridge, near Penrith, James Bell, aged 113: he was a Dutchman by birth, and came over here with King William.

Mrs. Booth, relict of the late Barton Booth, Esq; who died in the year 1733, to whose memory his affectionate widow erected an elegant monument in Westminster-Abbey, which she had the happiness of seeing compleated just before her death.

Mr. Thomas Frowd, aged 103, in Red-lion-street, Holborn; he was in the navy in King Charles's time.

John Nicholls, a labouring man, at Darlington, aged 111.

Thoma Smith, Esq; aged 80, in Gray's-inn; he is said to have died worth 50,000l. exclusive of the lead mine lately gained in the contest between him and Lord Pomfret.

Janet Grant, of Cromdell, in Scotland, aged 95. She had seen 113 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, descended from her before she died.

FEBRUARY.

This afternoon the long-^{2d} subsisting difference between Lord Townshend and the Earl of Bellamont was finally decided in Mary-le-bon-fields, when the latter received a ball in the right side of his belly, near the groin; the event of which the surgeons cannot yet decide. They were armed with small swords, and a case of pistols, but it was agreed to use the latter first. Lord Townshend fired first, which gave the unfortunate wound, and Lord Bellamont discharged his pistol immediately after, without effect. The seconds were, the Hon. Mr. Dillon for Lord Bellamont, and Lord Ligonier for Lord Townshend. Lord Bellamont was immediately taken up, and put into a chaise, but from the agony arising from his wound, he could not bear the motion; a chair was therefore immediately sent for, to carry him to his lodgings, where, when he arrived, he desired to be laid on his back. Mr. Bromfield, and other surgeons, were immediately called in, who endeavoured, but in vain, to extract the ball.

Extract of a Letter from Aberdeen, Jan. 25.

“ On Wednesday morning we had the most dreadful storm of wind ever remembered here, which damaged several houses.

“ Our accounts from the country all agree, that incredible damage has been done to the farmers, a great many of their houses blown down; and stacks of corn blown away and scattered through the fields in such a manner, that some of them compute they have lost a third, and others more of their stock.

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“ We are informed, that above a third of the valuable and extensive woods at Monymusk and the neighbourhood are destroyed.”

Reading, Jan. 30. Monday last, two young men underwent a flagellation at the public whipping-post in our market-place, in consequence of an order from a Justice of Peace, conformable to a late amendment in the game act, for killing a hare. As the act now stands, the offending party must be punished (i. e. whipt) within three days after his commitment, and on the fourth he may bring an appeal.

3d. The sale of the jewels, trinkets, plate, gold medals, china, &c. lately belonging to her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, ended, when a curious French collection of silver medals of Louis the XIVth and XVth, were sold for only eight pounds; and a German prayer-book, with various devices, in gold enamelled, and embellished with diamonds and miniature paintings, &c. was sold for twenty-six guineas. Most of the jewels were purchased by two jewellers; and though the auction room was prodigiously crowded with people of the first fashion, yet, from the present scarcity of money, they sold uncommonly cheap.

A petition was presented to the House of Commons, signed by 430 inhabitants of the city of Bristol, setting forth the many evil consequences that must arise from licensing a theatre royal in that city, which they understand is intended by a late application to the House for that purpose. A bill however is ordered.

4th. A convocation was held at Oxford, for the enacting of a

new declaration in the place of subscription to the thirty-nine articles. There were some excellent speeches made for and against the question. The house would not assent to any alteration of the statutes; of course the new formulary was excluded, and not so much as suffered to become the subject of debate, &c.

This day the lord mayor, aldermen, and commons of *5th.* the city of London, in common council assembled, waited upon his Majesty; and being introduced to his Majesty by the Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's household, John Glynn, Esq; the recorder, made their compliments in the following address:

“ Most Gracious Sovereign,

“ Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the lord mayor, aldermen, and commons of the city of London, in common council assembled; approach your Majesty with their congratulations on the happy delivery of their most amiable Queen, and the birth of another Prince.

“ Your faithful citizens of London, ever zealous for your Majesty's happiness, and the true honour and prosperity of your reign, will continue to rejoice in every event which adds to your Majesty's domestic felicity: and they hope that every branch of the august house of Brunswick will add further security to those sacred laws and liberties, which their ancestors would not suffer to be violated with impunity; and which, in consequence of the glorious and necessary revolution, that illustrious house was called forth to protect and defend.

Signed by order of the court,

JAMES HODGES.”

To

To which address his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious answer.

“ I thank you for this dutiful address, and your congratulations on the happy delivery of the Queen, and the birth of another Prince. The religion, laws, and liberties of my people have always been, and ever shall be, the constant object of my care and attention.”

They were all received very graciously, and had the honour to kiss his majesty's hand.

After which his Majesty was pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Thomas Hallifax, Esq; alderman; Watkin Lewes, Esq; alderman, and one of the sheriffs.

This day the Right Hon. Charles Jenkinson, Esq; was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's most Hon. Privy council, and took his place at the board accordingly.

An ingenious chymist on the continent has lately discovered a very cheap and elegant method of dying a most beautiful scarlet, which has, by the means of Lord Hertford, been procured for the use of the Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce; and the members on Wednesday night voted their thanks to that nobleman and Lord Newnham, who brought an account of the process to England.

6th. Came on in the court of Chancery the appeal from the decision of the master of the Rolls, Hatton against Hooley. The cause was briefly this: Lady Bell Finch had left by will 500*l.* and 12*l.* per ann. to her servant E. Hooley, and afterwards added a codicil of her own hand-writing, by which she

left Mrs. Hooley 1000*l.* more. The master of the Rolls sustained both will and codicil. The Lord Chancellor called to his assistance the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and Mr. Justice Aston of the King's-bench, when the decree of the master of the Rolls was affirmed.

This day the report was made to his Majesty, by the 10th. recorder, of the capital convicts under sentence of death in Newgate; when the following were ordered for execution, viz. Matthew Doyle, for robbing Lewis Hearne on Islington-road, of his watch and money; Samuel Male, alias May, for robbing Mrs. Grignion on the highway in a coach, at Kentish town; Joseph Richardson, for breaking open the house of Samuel Summers in Whitechapel, and stealing two casks of spirituous liquors, and other things; and John Brannon, for breaking open the house of Mr. Vaux in Spitalfields, and stealing some wearing apparel.

The following are respited during his Majesty's pleasure, viz. James Bray, for three several highway robberies on Mess. Edwards, Powell, and Towle; Samuel Humphreys, for stealing three bank notes, value 40*l.* belonging to Mr. Holzendorf; James Wilson, for being concerned with the before-mentioned Samuel Male in robbing Mrs. Grignion; Salkeld John Proctor, for firing a loaded pistol at Capt. Roach, near Chelsea, on his resisting an attempt to rob him; William Waters, for a burglary in the house of Ary Holman; and Samuel Dean, for being concerned with the above-mentioned John Brannon in a burglary in the house of Mr. Vaux.

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The revenue of the excise for England and Wales amounted last year to 3,784,643l. 17s. 8½d. exclusive of all charges of collecting and managing the said revenue.

Vienna, Jan. 17. We have just received the melancholy news of a most terrible earthquake having happened at Comorra, in the night between the 12th and 13th inst. by which the town was almost entirely reduced to ruins. The Danube rose to a great height, which greatly added to the calamity, for it overflowed its banks with great rapidity, so that hundreds were drowned. The distress of the inhabitants on this occasion is inexpressible; for, while their houses were tumbling about their ears, the water was rushing from the river into the middle of their streets, so that nothing but ruin and desolation was to be seen on either side. In short, this earthquake was more shocking than that which happened on the 28th of July 1763.

Petitions are every day delivered to his Imperial Majesty from Moravia and Bohemia, where the inhabitants are almost dying of famine. His Majesty has given strict orders to his ministers, that they use their utmost endeavours to alleviate the distresses of his subjects, particularly in the city of Prague, where their situation is truly deplorable, scarce any provisions being to be had for money, so that rich and poor are almost equally involved in this sad calamity.

A letter from the Hague says, "The soldier who attempted to impose upon the Prince Stadholder has been publicly whipped with a rope about his neck, afterwards branded, and is since sent to the house of correction for fifty years."

This day was finally determined, at Serjeant's Inn 11th. in Chancery-lane, before a full commission, consisting of Lord Dartmouth, Lord Sandys, Bishop of Oxford, Bishop of St. Asaph, Bishop of Llandaff, Lord Chief Baron Smythe, Justice Aston, Justice Willes, Dr. Ducarel, Dr. Markham, and Dr. Simpson, the long contested cause of jactitation, brought by the Hon. Thomas Harvey against his lady, after a cohabitation of 18 years, and had issue by her; when, after a long hearing for several evenings prior to this, and six counsel on each side, the two sentences at Doctors Commons were reversed, and the marriage pronounced for.

At an adjourned meeting 12th. of the proprietors of East-India stock, the following motion was made and seconded, "That the chairman, deputy chairman, together with Edward Wheeler, and Robert Gregory, Esqrs. (directors), do immediately wait on the first lord of the treasury, with the thanks of the general court for his kind intention to serve them, and would be glad to know from him what general plan he would propose for the mutual good of the public, and the company." After some warm altercations the question was put, and agreed to by a great majority. Lord North declined making any propositions.

Dr. Richmond was consecrated Bishop of Sodor 14th. and man, at Whitehall chapel, by the Abp. of York, the Bp. of Durham, Bp. of Ely, and Bp. of Chester; and did homage to the King next day.

The list of bankrupts in the Saturday's Gazette, contains no fewer

with that of the state, and a just attention to the security of their creditors, were deemed in general sufficient answers; it was also insisted on, that this measure was no invasion of their rights; and that if it had, the legislature had an unquestioned right to interfere, to prevent their running headlong to ruin. Upon a division, the question was carried by a great majority, being supported by 114 votes, against 43 only, who opposed the bringing in of the bill.

In the farther progress of this bill, a petition, couched in the strongest terms, was presented against it by the India Company; and several of their servants, consisting of the examiner of the records, the auditor of Indian accounts, the accountant general, and the superintendant of the custom-house accounts, were examined, by the Company's desire, at the bar of the House of Commons, in order as well to shew a true state of their affairs, as the misconduct and disobedience of their servants abroad, and the consequent necessity of the supervision. In the course of these examinations it appeared, that the exorbitances and oppressions still continued to be committed by the Company's servants in India. Through their own imprudence, in asking needless or improper questions, a full share of those charges, were brought directly home, to some of those gentlemen who were then sitting in the House.

It appeared, that since the year 1765, the Company's expences had increased, from 700,000*l.* to the enormous sum of 1,700,000*l.* annually. It also appeared, that government had received by the nett

duties, the indemnity upon tea, and the stipulated 400,000*l.* little less, than two millions annually from the Company. That the latter had lost by the indemnity agreement, from its first commencement, at least one million; of which 700,000*l.* went to government, and the remainder to the purchasers. It was also shewn, that government had profited, extraordinarily, by the Company, within the last five years, to the vast amount of 3,395,000*l.* viz. by the produce of the annual stipulated sum, 2,200,000*l.* and by the increase of the revenue, compared on a medium with the five preceding years, 1,195,000*l.* That the whole of the Company's receipts of dividend during the same period, scarcely amounted to 900,000*l.* more than six per cent upon its capital, which was the lowest trading dividend that had ever been made during the most expensive and dangerous war. It appeared upon the whole, that the Company's mercantile profits during the above period, amounted on an average, to 464,000*l.* annually, which would have afforded a dividend of twelve and a half per cent; so that while government profited to the great amount we have mentioned, the Company and proprietary, instead of benefiting a single shilling, lost considerably of the dividend, which the profits on their trade, only, would have afforded. Thence they argued, that far from being delinquents, their merits with the publick were unparalleled by any example. That the abuses committed by their servants, were such as they could not prevent, because they could not foresee; that when they were known, they endeavoured by

by reiterated orders from home to correct them; that they had prepared various commissions for that purpose; one under Lord Clive; a second, which had been unfortunately lost; and a third, which contrary to their rights, was now proposed to be rescinded. They contended, that parliament could not take this step, as being contrary to public faith. The matters of fact in the petition, were stated by the evidence with clearness and precision. We have been the more particular in this detail, as it will undoubtedly excite the admiration of future ages, to consider the power and opulence, which had been once in the possession of a Company of English merchants.

A second report had been made during this time by the secret committee, which contained a long statement of the Company's affairs; of their debts, credits, and effects, both at home and abroad. It was objected that this piece was so overloaded with figures and accounts, and so full of intricacies, that it could afford but little information, (except what was taken for granted from the gross sums) within the narrow time that such information could be necessary, with respect to the present bill. This state of their affairs, was considered by the Company and its friends, as a very unfavourable, if not unfair, representation of them; and drew many strictures upon the committee, the darkness of its proceedings, and the doubtful information that could be obtained through such a medium. It was again lamented, that a fair and open enquiry had not been carried on, according to the happy genius and spirit of the English constitution, by which every

gentleman would have had an opportunity, of founding his opinion upon matters as they appeared to himself, and of requiring such explanations as he thought necessary; that the time unavoidably spent in such an investigation, would afford leisure for cool deliberation, and for digesting in some degree, the several parts of such complicated matter; whereby, random opinions and hasty reports, framed in a hurry, and without a possibility of seeing all the sides of the subject, would be precluded; and at the same time, the parties concerned, would have an equitable opportunity of attending to their respective interests, clearing up doubtful points, rectifying mistakes, and the satisfaction of knowing the ground upon which measures were to be founded, in whose consequences they were so deeply affected.

On the other hand it was urged, that the committee had acquitted itself of its trust with the most distinguished fidelity, and dispatched and had gone through so complicated a business in less time than could be expected; which could not have been done, if the committee had been open, and subject to debate on the several articles. That it is no wonder, that matters of account in such a business should appear to produce different conclusions, according to the different manner of viewing and stating them. But unless direct falsification were proved, the House must necessarily abide by the statement of those whom they had chosen for the purpose.

Upon the third reading of the bill, counsel was heard in behalf of the Company, after which great debates arose. It was advanced by
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the opposers of the bill, that as the Company's legal right to the appointment of all its own servants, and to the entire management and regulation of its internal affairs, had been so clearly proved as not to admit of a question, and that the rapacity, misconduct, and disobedience, of the servants in the presidencies abroad, was so notorious as to be allowed on all hands, no reasonable objection could now lie to the exercise of that right, when its expediency, and even necessity, were so evident; and that as every delay in the present circumstances, must be ruinous in the highest degree to the Company, and proportionally prejudicial to the nation; it was to be hoped, that no farther opposition would be made, to the carrying of the commission of supervision into immediate execution, and that the present bill would be rejected, as founded upon false principles, and of an unconstitutional and dangerous tendency.

To this it was answered, that the evidence given at the bar, and the arguments opposed by the counsel against the bill, contained the strongest reasons that could possibly have been brought to show the urgent necessity of its being passed. That they fully demonstrated the evils in India to be of such a magnitude, that nothing less than the legislature could reform them; that no powers could be granted to the supervision, competent to the remedy of such enormities; that the commission was besides faulty in its principles, as the governors and councils in the respective presidencies in India, were joined in power by it, with the supervisors who were intended to be sent from England;

that as the number of the former was permanent, they must soon, by death or sickness become a majority; that by this means, the capital offenders, who were the authors of all the evils complained of, would become the judges of their own crimes, and the redressers of their own oppressions; was it then by men, who had long rioted with the most unrelenting cruelty in the distresses of their miserable fellow-creatures, that justice was to be restored to her proper course, and the mischiefs which their iniquities caused were to be removed?

That the legislature had a supreme controuling power, to which all things must, and ought to submit; that this power could never be applied with greater propriety, or benefit, than in the present instance, when the welfare and security of many millions, and the preservation of great countries and revenues depended upon its exertion. That laws, as well as charters, must submit to a change of times and seasons, and must be altered, modelled, or repealed, as circumstances, and the nature of things require; that it could never have been intended at the time of granting the Company's charters, to give them a power of legislation over great countries, in which it was not possibly to be supposed they ever could have any other footing, than a permission to trade as inmates and strangers. That India affairs were now under the consideration of parliament, and while matters were in this suspense, it would be absurd to allow the Company to proceed on their own bottom, and to snatch the business out of their hands: either there was, or there

there was not, occasion for the interposition of parliament; if there was, how could the Company pretend to act independent of them, after it had applied for relief to the minister? if there was not, why did they apply?

On the other side it was observed, that parliamentary interposition had hitherto been attended with very little advantage to the Company. That the last parliament had undertaken in the year 1767, the regulation of their affairs, and after spending the greater part of the session upon that business, the result was, the extortion of a vast sum of money from the Company without an equivalent, and the leaving their affairs to shift for themselves, without the smallest regulation; that their affairs had since continued open to parliament, without any thing being done, but the making or renewing of bargains for the benefit of government, without the smallest attention to that of the Company; that a select committee had been appointed in the preceding session, which had continued its sittings throughout the summer, and it was not pretended that the Company had reaped any advantages from them; and that a secret committee had newly started up, the benefits of which were yet to be discovered, as nothing but complaints, had hitherto attended its proceedings. That if the Company was not armed with sufficient powers, for the punishment of its servants, and the regulation of its governments in India, the fault lay wholly in administration, as a bill had been brought in for that purpose in the preceding session, which was laid by, under pretence of waiting for the discoveries that

were to be made by the select Committee.

That the evils apprehended, from the extraordinary powers of the supervision falling into the hands of the offenders in India, were merely imaginary; the Company had well foreseen, and effectually provided against those evils, in the body of the commission; no act of the supervision can be valid, without the presence of three of the commissioners; the first of these is to have the casting voice, and they are to be assisted by the governor, commander in chief, and second in council, only as inferior assessors; and the supervisors have power, if they see cause, to dismiss the governor and the whole council, and have a power of controul in all cases.

That if the particular interests of the Company were considered as matters of indifference, the great revenues and immense benefits it afforded to the publick, were not to be wantonly sported with; that as the restraint in the bill was laid for six months, and the season of the year would of necessity continue it for six more, twelve whole months, in the present critical state of their affairs, would be totally lost to the Company, before any intended regulation, whether by parliament, or otherwise, could possibly take place; that this delay, might be productive of the most mischievous effect, to the Company, as the grievances and evils, which they wanted to remedy or prevent, would have the accumulation of all that time added to their present amount; and as the design of regulation, would be so long known before-hand to the offenders, they would use such industry in their several departments, that there would not

not be much left for redress, by the time that it could take place.

But the great force of the arguments on this side, was principally directed, to the present unusual and extraordinary stretch of parliamentary authority; it was acknowledged that a supreme undefined power was ultimately lodged in the legislature; but it was insisted, that such an exertion of it, could only be justified by the most urgent necessity; and that as no such necessity now existed, it was a wanton violation of public faith, law, and the constitution, without an equitable motive. That it was the invasion of a right, which parliament had not granted but sold; a right for which the faith of the nation was pledged, and which could not be taken away without an act of forfeiture in the company; nor even in that case without due compensation. That this violent and dangerous exertion of power, must not only destroy the credit of the India Company; but also affect the Bank, the South-Sea, and all other public companies, none of which could have any other securities than those which were now violated; that whenever a war took place, the effects of this unjust and pernicious measure, upon the national credit in general, would be too late and too fatally experienced; and that it was not less dangerous in its principle, nor mischievous in its precedent, to the city of London, and all the other corporate bodies in the British empire.

A particular charge was also made upon administration, with regard to their motives for this suspension. It was said that they had arbitrarily and capriciously suspended the legal course of business in the court of proprietors, and

forced this matter into parliament, only to gratify a private resentment; that the Company had been officially informed by their chairman, and deputy-chairman, (the only medium through which they could have any communication with government) that the measures relative to the supervision were approved of by administration; but that as soon as it was found, that the Company did not chuse to intrust their affairs in the hands of those who were nominated for that purpose by the ministers, they immediately set their face against the whole measure, and now had the fortune, to find the House so compliant as to adopt their resentments.

It was observable, that many of those, who either in themselves or their families, were under great obligations to the Company, and particularly such as had obtained vast fortunes in her service, now joined administration in this bill. The effects of the party disputes with respect to the appointment of supervisors, were also very visible upon this occasion. Though the question was debated warmly and ably by the opposition, such was the force of the general odium in which the Company stood, and such the weakness arising from its internal dissensions, that the numbers against the bill were very trifling. Besides, many of the opposition had not then come to town. Upon a division late at night, and not a very thin house, the bill was carried by a majority of more than five to one, the numbers being 153, to 28, only.

The restraining bill was presented the next day to the House of Lords, and it being so near the holidays, was carried through with
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the greatest dispatch. It did not, however, pass without opposition; though, as in the other House, the opponents were few. A noble duke, who had long been distinguished in opposition, and who of late had applied himself with uncommon industry to obtain a perfect knowledge of India affairs, traversed this bill with great vigour and almost alone, for the short time in which it was passing through its several stages. As the bill was brought in on a Saturday, and a report was spread in the evening, and inserted in the news-papers, that it had been carried that day through its last reading, (a matter however uncommon, which was readily believed) the India Company had not time to go through the necessary forms, for assembling in its corporate capacity, and framing and presenting a petition, before the following Wednesday, on which it was finally passed. A petition signed by 14 proprietors was, however, received, and witnesses were examined, and counsel heard at the bar against the bill.

We shall take notice of some of the arguments that were used upon this occasion, so far as they were peculiar to the place, or may seem to throw new light upon the subject. As the House of Lords is close shut, we are obliged for the arguments of the minority in that house to their protests; those of the ministry, we must suppose nearly the same with those used in the House of Commons. It was urged against the bill, that the arbitrary taking away of legal franchises and capacities, without any legal cause of forfeiture, establishes a precedent, which leaves no sort of security to the subject for his liberties;

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since his exercising them, in the strictest conformity to all the rules of law, general equity, and moral conduct, is not sufficient to prevent parliament from interesting its sovereign powers to divest him of those rights; by means of which insecurity, the honourable distinction between the British, and other forms of government, is in a great measure lost; that this misfortune is greatly growing upon us, through temporary, occasional, and partial acts of parliament, which, without consideration of their conformity to the general principles of our law and constitution, are adopted rashly and hastily upon every petty occasion; that though it may be difficult to fix any legal limit to the extent of legislative power; it is to be supposed, that parliament is as much bound as any individual to the observance of its own compacts; or otherwise, it is impossible to understand what public faith means, or how public credit can subsist.

That the India Company might have been legally called in question, and even its charter endangered, for a neglect of exercising those necessary powers with which it is entrusted, and the use of which it is now proposed to suspend; and that it must be a government composed of deceit and violence, where men are liable to be punished if they decline, or to be restrained if they endeavour, to exercise their lawful powers. That it appears by evidence, upon oath at the bar, that the Company had been authoritatively informed, that the commission for regulating their affairs, would have been approved of by administration; and that their situation was peculiarly unfortunate,

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nate, when driven from all confidence in public faith, and the laws of their country, they should find no security for their charter privileges even in those very ministers, under whose sanction they had every possible reason to believe they were acting.

It was much objected to, that the bill was brought in at a season, when the House is always ill attended, and hurried through with a violent, and it was said, indecent precipitation. That a reason of fact was alledged in the preamble, stating the expence of the commission to be very considerable: and they had not before them any account or estimate of the expences actual or probable, nor were supplied with any accounts tending to shew the present ability or inability of the Company to bear it; so that the Lords were to assert facts, and on those facts to ground a law, altering the condition, and suspending the charter rights of the Company, without a possibility of knowing whether the facts were true or false; and that with a determination to continue uninformed, it had been refused to call for the evidence of the directors concerning the expence; or in a matter of such importance, both in itself and its example, to follow the ancient settled parliamentary course of desiring a conference with the Commons, in order to be acquainted with the evidence which they received as the grounds of their proceeding.

It was said, that it must be a matter of astonishment to the public, who had for a long time earnestly and anxiously looked to the Company, or to parliament, for redress of the grievances in India,

to find at length, that the latter is only employed in preventing the former from doing its duty; that instead of correcting the abuse, they oppose themselves to the reformation; that when it was expected, that those who had wronged the Company should have been brought to exemplary punishment, the suffering Company itself is deprived of its rights; and instead of calling delinquents to account, the persons legally empowered to correct or restrain them, are by parliament suspended from their office.

On the other side, besides many of those arguments which we have before seen stated in support of the bill, it is said, that the charge upon administration, of having at one time given a sanction to the commission for superintending the Company's affairs, was positively denied, with respect to such of its members as belonged to that House; and reasons were brought to shew, why it could not be well founded with respect to others. As to the dangers that were apprehended from this measure with respect to the national credit, they were represented as merely imaginary; and it was said, that it would have a totally contrary effect, as the Dutch, who had much more money in our public funds, than any other foreigners, would think themselves much safer, when they found that the India Company was under the care and protection of parliament, than if they had been abandoned to their own wild schemes of regulation and management.

That they had no evidence that this bill was contrary to the Company's inclinations, any more than to their interests; that the petition they

they had heard at the bar, was no corporate act, and was signed only by fourteen proprietors, out of about seventeen hundred, of which the Company consisted; that the vast majority by which it was carried through the other House, where the most ample information was obtained of the Company's affairs, and the very small number that had dissented to it, sufficiently shewed the justice, propriety, and expediency of the measure. Other

charges or censures were answered, by the shortness of the time, and the advantage the Company might take of parliament during the recess. Upon a division, the bill was carried by nearly a proportional majority, to that which had attended it in the House of Commons, 26 lords having voted for it, to 6 only who opposed its passing; it was, however, followed, by a remarkably pointed and severe protest.

C H A P. VII.

Expedition against the Caribbs in the island of St. Vincent. Some account of these people; black and yellow Caribbs; cession of the island by the late treaty of peace. The Caribbs refuse to have their lands surveyed, and to submit to the proposed transplantation. New proposals made and rejected. Troops ordered from North-America; proposal for transporting the Caribbs to the coast of Africa. Enquiry set on foot in the House of Commons, as to the nature and causes of the expedition; witnesses examined; debates; resolutions moved, and rejected upon a division. Treaty concluded with the Caribbs. Petition from the captains of the navy for an addition to their half-pay; opposition to the Petition; received, upon a division, and the request complied with. Fate of the Dissenters Bill. Motion relative to tests required in the Universities; rejected by a great majority.

AN expedition which had been undertaken against the Caribbs in the island of St. Vincent, in the West-Indies, had occasioned considerable debates in the course of this session. It appears that these people consisted of two different races, which, from their colour, were distinguished by the appellations of Black and Yellow Caribbs; the latter, being descended from the original natives, were the natural proprietors of the island; the former were the offspring of a cargo of African negroes, who being on board an English slaving vessel bound to Barbadoes, had been cast away upon the coasts of St. Vin-

cent, about a century ago. The negroes having recovered their liberty by this accident, were hospitably received by the natives, and accordingly settled amongst them; but having women of their own, they still continued, with some intermixture, a separate people, and soon became numerous. The two nations were not more different in their colour, than in their temper and dispositions; the Americans being timid and inoffensive, and the Africans hardy, crafty, suspicious, and daring. With these qualities, together with the accession of their runaway countrymen from the neighbouring islands, they

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and became far superior in power and number to the natives, who melted away insensibly as the numbers increased.

In this state the Caribbs continued for some time, until the French from the neighbouring islands insinuated themselves amongst them, being tempted by the excellence of the soil, and the easy purchases which they made of it, for brandy, and the trifling necessaries that are wanted by the natives; and by degrees got such footing, as to become possessed of the fertile vallies that intersect the mountains on the leeward side of the island, and to bring them to a state of cultivation.

Though the French and the Caribbs of both colours, lived in general together upon very good terms, and the latter, in process of time, adopted the religion, and acquired the language of the former; the neighbourhood of cultivated lands and villages, was as little suited to the convenience and necessity of a people, who subsisted principally by hunting and fishing, as was to their genius. Mankind, in any state near that of nature, are not disposed to live in crowds, and love retirement; and are unwilling to live free and unrestrained in their actions, without observation or interference. The Caribbs accordingly, totally abandoned their ancient possessions, and retired to the windward, and level parts of the island. It however appears, though we are uninformed of the time and particulars, that an attempt was once made by the French to enslave these people; and that the Caribbs defended their liberty so stoutly, that the French were not only glad to renounce the attempt, but were obliged to ac-

knowledge them as a free and independent people.

Notwithstanding this migration and attempt, a friendly intercourse and correspondence was in general continued, and the French not only seem to have paid a proper attention to their dispositions and manners, but to have applied themselves assiduously to the gaining of their friendship and affection; while the Caribbs retained a power of summary justice in their own hands, by burning the houses and plantations of those from whom they had received any injury. It is probable that these excesses were not often committed: and it does not appear, that the French ever considered them as sufficient grounds for a general quarrel, or revenged them as public injuries. During this state of affairs, and until the late treaty of peace, the French King, upon every occasion, treated the Caribbs with some distinction, and seemed to consider them as proprietors of the island.

By that treaty, the island of St. Vincent was ceded to Great-Britain, without any notice being taken of the Caribbs. It was then supposed to contain between four and five thousand French inhabitants, and the Caribbs to amount to upwards of a thousand fighting men. As this island was one of those which had been declared neutral, and the French settlements on it were infractions of former treaties between the two nations, they were passed over in the present, without the smallest mention, as if none such were in existence. Commissioners were appointed for the sale of the profitable lands in those islands; but the French settlers were permitted to hold their former

former possessions, upon leases for years, and under certain stipulations. A great number, however, of the French, not chusing to live under our government, abandoned their estates, which, together with the new lands, were generally purchased by adventurers from these countries; by which means the English settlers in the island of St. Vincent, soon became considerable both as to number and property.

Though no stipulation had been made in favour of the Caribbs by the late treaty of peace, our court gave early instructions, in the year 1764, that they should not be disturbed in the possession of their lands; and the commissioners for sales were directed, not to attempt any survey of them, without particular orders for that purpose.

The new settlers having time to look about them, soon observed with regret, that the plain and fertile part of the island was in the hands of the Caribbs, to whom its valuable properties rendered it of little more advantage, than any equal extent of the rudest country would have been; their cottages being scattered at a great distance in the woods, and only small spots of ground near them, cleared or cultivated. In short, fear and avarice operated strongly to make them wish the removal of the black inhabitants.

Representations were accordingly made to government, as well by the principal of the new settlers, as by the commissioners of sales, to deprive the Caribbs of their possessions, and to grant them such an equivalent, whether in the island, or elsewhere, as should be thought necessary. These representations were supported by many plausible

reasons, among which, the immediate profits to the crown from the sale of the lands, was strongly urged; the dangers arising to those who had already made purchases under the faith and protection of government, as well as to the island in general, from the neighbourhood of a lawless banditti, who were strongly attached to the French, with whom they held a constant correspondence in the neighbouring islands, and who from their religion and manners were violently averse to our people and government, were also described in the highest degree of colouring.

In consequence of these representations, instructions were issued by the lords of the treasury, in the beginning of the year 1768, for the survey and disposal of the lands possessed by the Caribbs; for the parts of which that were cleared and cultivated, they were to be paid a certain price per acre, in money, and were to have other lands allotted in return, sufficient for their support, in a different part of the island. The new lands were to be granted and secured in perpetuity, to them and their posterity; were to be free from all quit-rents, charges, and conditions, except peaceable behaviour, and obedience to government; were to descend among them, according to their own customs and usages of inheritance; and were to be forever unalienable to any white person. Five years were given for effecting this transplantation.

The Caribbs, from their connexions with the French, especially in the late war, had imbibed prejudices against our people and government, and were at all times,

from our first possession of the island, extremely suspicious of our designs and proceedings; and this dislike and fear operated so strongly upon them, that some years before, they had applied to the French governor of St. Lucia, for leave to settle on that island. For which reason, the arrangement proposed by the English government, excited the most general alarm amongst them.

They now concluded, that this measure was only the prelude to a design formed, either for their utter extermination, or for reducing them to a state of slavery; and a report was spread and believed amongst them, that the ancient claim of property, which the English had pretended in the persons of their ancestors, was now to be revived against themselves. In this situation, they applied to the Governor of Martinique for advice and protection; the latter of which he absolutely refused, and as to the former, is said to have recommended to them a submission to government. This advice, however, had no effect upon their conduct. In answer to the applications of the commissioners, they said, that the whole island was originally their property; that however, as they had permitted the French to settle upon a part of it, their king might dispose of that part as he pleased; but that as they were not his subjects, he had no authority over them, and consequently could not grant or dispose of the part of their country, which they had reserved to themselves. They concluded, by absolutely refusing to part with their lands, or to admit of any exchange.

The commissioners notwithstanding-

ing, proceeded in making the survey, and advanced a road into their country. Though the Caribbs expressed great dissatisfaction and resentment at this measure, they seemed very unwilling to proceed to actual violence. Their behaviour and countenance, became however, at length so alarming, that it was thought necessary, in the beginning of May 1769, to send an officer with forty men, to protect the surveyors and their people. This small detachment, having taken post in the heart of the Caribbee country, where some temporary huts had been erected for their reception, found themselves immediately so effectually surrounded, by a strong body of well-armed Caribbs, that all communication with their own people, and all means of subsistence, were entirely cut off, so that they were little less than prisoners. The prudence and temper of the officer, who considered the inequality of his force, and the extreme unwillingness which the Caribbs had hitherto shewn, of bringing matters to the last extremity, not only preserved the detachment from being cut off, but prevented the smallest violence from being offered on either side. In the mean time, the surveyors and their people were so terrified, that they abandoned their work, and were permitted to retire in safety; but their huts were demolished, and the new roads broke up, so far as time would admit.

The situation, and uncertain fate of the detachment, caused an universal alarm, and the English settlers having taken up arms, and joined the few regular troops that were in the island, marched immediately to its relief. However, as they

they found the detachment safe, it was not thought consistent with prudence, nor authorized by instructions from home, to proceed to violence against the Caribbs. It was agreed that nothing further should be done, until the present transactions were laid before the king and council, and their final resolutions known. The Caribbs immediately agreed to these propositions, and a stop was for that time put to the survey.

Though the planters had not a force, in any degree equal to the reduction of the Caribbs, the number of the rivers in the country, and the richness of the soil through which they had now marched, operated so powerfully upon their passions, that they could not avoid expressing the regret which they felt, at being prevented from bringing matters to an immediate extremity, in terms which gave no favourable idea of their equity or humanity.

False reports were industriously raised and circulated, which kept the island in a continual alarm: the most passionate complaints were sent home: the Caribbs represented as most daring and incorrigible rebels: and their own danger exaggerated in the highest degree. Nothing less than their total extermination could now afford safety; and it was proposed to transport them to the coast of Africa, or to some desert island in that quarter. In the mean time, the lieutenant-governor of the new islands arrived at St. Vincent's, and issued a proclamation, to quiet the minds of the Caribbs, and to remove their fears and suspicions; nor do we find of any further violence they committed, than the destruction of the new roads, and the burning of

a house belonging to a person who was particularly obnoxious to them; and they quietly submitted to the imprisonment of one of their chiefs, who was suspected of the latter fact; nor does it appear that there was a single shot fired, nor a drop of blood spilt, in all this commotion.

Notwithstanding the warm and continual remonstrances that were made at home, government seemed still very unwilling to proceed to violence with these people. Accordingly the commissioners, in the beginning of the year 1771, held another meeting with several of their chiefs, and proposed a new partition, and exchange of lands, upon a narrower scale, and terms more favourable to them, than the arrangement which had been already agitated; but every proposal for parting with their lands, was rejected by the Caribbs with the greatest firmness; and on the question being demanded, whether they acknowledged themselves subjects to the King of Great-Britain, and would take the oath of allegiance, they boldly replied in the negative; said they were independent, and were not subject either to the King of Great-Britain or of France. As the continuance of our tranquillity with the courts of France and Spain, seemed at that time very precarious, there is little room to doubt, but that the Caribbs were spirited to this conduct, by the governors of the neighbouring French islands.

In consequence of this contumacy, orders were issued from home, that two regiments should be sent from North-America, to join about an equal number, that were either already at St. Vincent's, or

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that could be spared from the neighbouring islands for that service, which with the assistance of his Majesty's ships upon that station, were to reduce the Caribbs to a due submission to government; or if their obstinacy rendered that impracticable, that they might be removed from the island, to such place as should be thought most proper for their reception; the strictest orders being given at the same time, that they should be furnished with proper vessels for their transportation, plentifully provided with provisions and necessaries, and treated with all imaginable humanity in their passage. It was farther directed, that when they arrived at the place of their destination, they should be liberally supplied, both with every thing necessary for their present subsistence, and for their establishment as a new colony. But it does not appear, that the place to which they were to be removed, was properly adapted to their reception and accommodation, or so much as clearly ascertained.

The event of this expedition was not known, when the affair of St. Vincent's became agitated in parliament. Soon after Dec. 9th. the opening of the session, upon the presenting of an estimate from the War-Office in the committee of supply, of the land-service for the ensuing year, the number of troops that were stated to be in the West-India islands, gave an opportunity to the gentlemen in opposition, to animadvert upon this expedition, and to give notice, that they would on a future day, propose an enquiry, into its nature, justice, and propriety, together with the motives that led to

so extraordinary a measure. This enquiry being agreed to by administration, the matter was afterwards frequently brought up; but still deferred, in hopes of obtaining new information, and to give an opportunity of procuring and considering the necessary papers.

It was accordingly a considerable time after the Christmas recess, before this affair was taken finally into consideration; when at length, two general officers were examined, as to the latest accounts they had received of the state of their regiments, which were then employed on the service against the Caribbs. One of these gentlemen read part of a letter, which he had received upon the subject from St. Vincent's, in which the expedition was greatly complained of, not only in respect of its having been undertaken in the rainy season, which had occasioned a great mortality among the troops; but also with regard to its injustice and cruelty, with both of which it was strongly charged by the writer; who emphatically complained, that the poor Caribbs had been very ill used; and wished, with the energy characteristic of an officer, that the contrivers and promoters of the expedition, might be brought to a speedy and severe account. By the same authority it was represented, that the woods were so thick, that the Caribbs killed our men, with the greatest security to themselves, and without their being able even to see the enemy that destroyed them; and that at the time of writing the letter, which was on the 14th of November, the troops had not been able to penetrate above four miles into their country.

It was then enquired of administration, whether they had received any late accounts from that island; when to the surprize of every body, it appeared that their latest intelligence from thence, was above a month prior in date, to the letter which had been read by the general. A gentleman who had been lieutenant-governor of the New Islands, was examined as to the temper, behaviour, and disposition of the Caribbs, of all which he gave a very favourable account, and represented them as a quiet inoffensive people; he was farther asked, if he had heard that the planters were envious of them for their lands, to which he answered in the affirmative; and being pressed as to particular names, mentioned one, of considerable rank and consequence in the island, and who had a principal share in all the measures that had been pursued for stripping them of their possessions.

Some officers were examined, who had served, or borne command, at different times in St. Vincent's; these gentlemen, in general, gave favourable accounts of the Caribbs, and attributed entirely, their late turbulent and suspicious temper, to the attempts that had been made to deprive them of their lands: they all concurred in their accounts of the unhealthiness of the island, and particularly in the rainy season, when, they declared, it must prove fatal, to any troops that were under a necessity of acting in it, and that the constitutions of such as escaped with life, would be totally ruined.

On the other side, one of the principal planters, in the island, and of considerable rank by his

office, with some others, were examined. They, in general, described the Caribbs as a faithless, cruel, and treacherous race, who were abandoned to all manner of excesses, particularly with respect to liquor, in which state they were capable of the most barbarous actions. That while they continued on the island, there could be no security for the persons or property of the inhabitants; they were charged with murders, robberies, with enticing the negro slaves from their masters, and destroying others whom they caught in the fields; no particular proofs were, however, brought in support of these charges. The connexions and intelligence which the Caribbs held with the French, and their application to the Governor of Martinique for protection and assistance, were shewn in a very dangerous light; and no care was neglected to describe the fatal consequences that must attend the island, whenever a war broke out with France, with such a deadly enemy lying in its bosom. Their mortal enmity to our government and people, was also much insisted on; and it was concluded upon the whole, that there was no other alternative, but that either his Majesty's natural subjects, or the Caribbs, must quit the island, if the latter are permitted to continue in their present state of independence.

After several strictures upon the nature of this evidence, and on the interested views by which, it was said, to be apparently directed, the following motions were made, 1st. That the expedition against the Caribbs, in the island of St. Vincent, was undertaken, Feb. 15th.

dertaken, without sufficient provocation on the part of those unhappy people, and at the instigation of persons interested in their destruction, and appears to be intended to end in their total extirpation; 2dly. That the sending the troops, part of which were totally unprovided with camp equipage, and necessaries, on that service, in the unhealthy season of the year, is not justified by any necessity of immediately increasing the military force in that island, was contrary to the advice of the governor, and must prove unnecessarily destructive to some of the best troops in the service, probably defeat the purpose for which they were sent, and bring disgrace on his Majesty's arms; and, 3dly. That an humble address be presented, desiring that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to acquaint the House, by whose advice the measure was undertaken, of attacking the Caribbs in the island of St. Vincent; and of sending the troops for that purpose in the most unhealthy season of the year; a measure equally repugnant to the known humanity of his Majesty's temper, disgraceful to his arms, and dishonourable to the character of the British nation.

These motions were principally supported, upon the injustice of the measure, and the dishonour it brought upon our national character, as being equally a violation of the natural rights of mankind, and contrary to his Majesty's proclamation of the year 1764, in favour of the Caribbs; on the extreme cruelty of attempting to transport a whole people from their native soil, and to land them defenceless on the coast of Africa, where they had no right, no pro-

perty, no connexion, and where they must be liable to all the dangers and enmities, to which Europeans, or any others, who were turned adrift in a strange country, would be subject; that they had been guilty of no act of forfeiture, even supposing them to be natural subjects to Great-Britain, unless an opposition to a violent invasion of their rights and properties, was to be considered as such; that the only evidence of any weight against them, was himself the deviser of the projects that had been formed for their extirpation, and was deeply interested in their destruction; that on the contrary, the united testimony on the other side, where there was not a possibility of supposing the smallest bias or partiality, was uniformly in favour of the Caribbs, and represented them to have been a quiet, peaceable, and inoffensive people, and to all appearance, well affected to our government, until they were urged by violence and injustice to a different conduct. These arguments, with such others, as the state which we have already represented of the affair afforded, were concluded with severe strictures on the weakness of those counsels, which had blindly adopted the views of avaricious, rapacious, and merciless planters, and thereby rendering government the instrument of their iniquitous designs, engaged it in cruel, unjust, and dishonourable measures, which were not more injurious to the Caribbs, than destructive to ourselves, by wantonly sporting with the constitutions and lives of some of our bravest troops, whose former services merited another return, and who were now sacrificed upon an inglorious service,

vice, in which they were ashamed to draw their swords.

On the other side it was observed, that an amazing fund of tenderness and humanity had been displayed in favour of the Caribbs, while the smallest degree of either was refused to our natural born subjects and countrymen, who had purchased estates at high prices from the crown, under the sanction of its protection and security, and whose lives and fortunes were at stake in the event of the present expedition. That the charge of injustice was ill founded, as the yellow Caribbs, who were the aborigines, and real proprietors of the island, were in no degree affected by the present measures, except only so far, as they would obtain security, by the reduction or removal of a cruel and perfidious race of savages, by whom they had been nearly exterminated; that it could not be pretended, that the black Caribbs had any legal or natural rights in the island, but those which they had obtained through the kindness and hospitality of the natives; and that those rights, would in the eye of the strictest justice have been fully cancelled, by their subsequent conduct and ingratitude.

That the charge of cruelty was equally ill founded; the removal of the black Caribbs being the last resort; and only to be put in execution, in case of their proving so incorrigible, that all means would be found ineffectual for reducing them to such a state of submission to government, as was absolutely necessary, not only for the security but the preservation of the island; that even in that last extremity, the measure of transportation was

guarded from being accompanied with any circumstances of cruelty, or even of hardship, except those which might be supposed to arise from their feelings, on quitting a country in which they had hitherto lived, and going to another, equally fit for them, but with which they were not yet acquainted; that whether they were removed to the coast of Africa, or to the island of St. Mathew, care had been taken, that they were to have sufficient lands assigned for their support, and were to be laid down, in nearly the same degrees of latitude and climate, and in a country furnished with much the same advantages as to fishing and hunting, which they had enjoyed at St. Vincent's.

It was said, that government had neither adopted the views, nor been misled by the schemes of interested planters; that it had duly weighed, as well the circumstances of the island, as the representations of the governor, council, and assembly, together with those of the commissioners for the sale of lands; that as the Caribbs were possessed of near two thirds of the profitable lands, and the French inhabitants of a great part of the remainder, it was evident, that we never could in that state, have a natural interest or strength in the island, sufficient for its security; that as these lands were of no particular value to the Caribbs, who had neither means nor inclination to cultivate them, equitable terms had been repeatedly proposed to them for an exchange, all of which, they not only contumaciously rejected, but daringly disclaimed all allegiance to the King, and refused all obedience to government. As to the strictures that had been passed, with

with respect to the employment of the troops in an unhealthy climate and season, they were answered by the necessity of the occasion; and the measure justified upon that principle, by the practice of all ages.

Upon a division on the separate questions, after long debates, the first motion was rejected by a majority of 206, against 88, who supported it; the majority was less upon the others; as the house grew thinner.

About the same time, the expedition which gave birth to this enquiry, was also terminated. The Caribbs, notwithstanding the strength of their fastnesses, their courage, in which they were not at all deficient, and their expertness in the use of fire arms, were under many disadvantages in this war. They were surrounded by sea and land, their quarters becoming every day more contracted, were cut off from their great source of subsistence by fishing, and their bodies worn down by continual watching and fatigue. Our troops also suffered infinitely in the service. Without a considerable reinforcement, it was probable, the reduction of the enemy could not be effected. The object, either for advantage or glory, was not worthy of so much toil and treasure, even if the justice of such a war could be clearly defended.

These mutual sufferings, and the dispositions they gave rise to, brought on a treaty, between the Feb. 17th. Caribbs and Major General Dalrymple, who commanded the forces, by which the former obtained better conditions than they had reason to expect. The original object of the

war, the transplantation to Africa, was wholly abandoned. The Caribbs on their part acknowledged his Majesty's sovereignty without reserve, agreed to take an oath of fidelity and allegiance, and to submit to the laws and government of the island, so far as relates to their intercourse, and to all transactions with the white inhabitants; but in their own districts, and in all matters that relate to their intercourse with each other, they are to retain their ancient polity, and still to be governed by those customs and usages, to which they have given the force of laws. They have also ceded a large tract of very valuable land to the crown; but the districts which they still retain, are secured in perpetuity to them and their posterity. There are a number of other articles, which relate to domestic regulation, or tend to the future tranquillity, and security of the island.

The loss upon this expedition, though considerable, was not altogether so great as was apprehended from the nature, length, and severity of the service. The killed and wounded did not much exceed 150, among the former of which, was a lieutenant colonel, and some other officers; the lives lost by the climate amounted to 110; but there remained 428 sick, at the time of concluding the treaty.

A petition from the captains of the navy for a small addition to their half-pay, presented about this time, was attended with some parliamentary circumstances, which occasioned its being the more particularly noticed. It would be needless to say much as to the matter of this petition. The merits and services of these brave officers, required

required no great skill in the drawing, nor embellishment in the colouring. Nor was it difficult to shew, how inadequate their present half pay was, either to the supporting of the high acquired rank, which they held in virtue of their commissions, or of their private, merely as gentlemen.

It was also shewn in behalf of the petition, that from the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the year 1715, when they were placed upon the present establishment, the naval captains had been always highly rewarded, either by profitable employments, by particular gratifications, or by an half pay, double to what they now receive, when out of commission; though the prices of all the necessaries of life, and expences of every sort, have since increased in an amazing degree, and that their rank is now much higher than it was in that period. It was concluded, that the petition should not so much be considered a request, as a just claim upon the publick.

Though nothing could be more unpopular in this country, where all people are attached to the navy, than an opposition to this petition, and that the officers of that department, are in themselves a considerable, as well as respectable body; yet, however it happened, the minister set his face entirely against it, and though he acknowledged the merit of the petitioners, and granted their having a claim on the publick for favour and support, opposed it upon the principle of a due attention to the present situation of our finances, and to the inability of the state to increase its expences; he observed, that the admission of this claim, would open

a door to others, in which, whether equally well founded, the relief would not appear less needful; that the military have their claims as well as the navy; and the shipwrights, a very serviceable and necessary order of men, intended to apply for an increase of wages; that there may be others in the service of government, whose wants may be greater, though their merits were less, and whom it might be much wished to relieve in these times of distress; but that as such general relief was absolutely impracticable, the receiving of some applications, and rejecting others, would be inconsistent with that impartial justice which the public owes, to all those who have acted well in their several stations in its service, and whom it would be impossible to provide for according to their rank and merit.

On the other hand it was alleged, that the object of this economy in so particular a case, wherein it should be less considered than almost any other, would amount only to about 6000*l.* per annum. It was accordingly productive of much severe animadversion, not unmixed with ridicule: the large sums, which not long since had been voted for *virtu*, and upon other occasions, which appeared of much less consequence, whether considered with regard to the interest, the justice, or the generosity of the public, were immediately recalled, and thrown into every point of comparison with the present requisition. It was said to be truly laughable, after a ten years glorious peace, to hear from the first authority, that the finances of a great and opulent nation were in so wretched a state, that she could not afford so small a pittance,

pittance, for the relief of persons to whom her power and glory was so much indebted; while the French King, who was represented to be in the most ruinous circumstances, had settled a provision on his naval captains, which nearly doubled our half pay. Several gentlemen produced instances upon their own knowledge, of brave officers, whose services in the late war had been known to every body, and who were now languishing with large families, or oppressed with sickness, in a state of distress that must excite the most melancholy reflections on being known.

To the surprize of many, probably to the surprize of the minister himself, he was deserted by a number of those, on whose firm support in all cases, whether from office or connexion, he had cause to rely. Upon a division, the petition was received by a majority of nine, the numbers being 154, to 145. A committee was accordingly appointed to examine the matter of the petition, and after the necessary enquiries to make a report, in consequence of which, after some additions proposed in the committee, which were rejected by the House, the original request was agreed to, and an address presented to the throne, for an addition of two shillings a day to the captains half-pay.

Notwithstanding the fate of the Dissenters bill last year in the House of Lords, another, upon similar principles, but with some additions, was this session brought into the House of Commons. The fortune

of this bill was exactly the same, as that of the preceding year; it was carried through all its stages in the one house by a great majority, and rejected in the same manner by the other. The only remarkable circumstance that distinguished the present, was its being opposed by petitions from several congregations, who called themselves Protestant Dissenters, and who appear to have been principally composed, of the people who are generally known under the denomination of Methodists. The petitions were however received, and they March 25th. were heard by council at the bar of the House of Commons against passing the bill.

A motion was also made for a committee of the whole House, to consider of the subscription to the 39 articles of the church of England, or any other tests now required of persons in the universities. We have seen last year, a petition from certain of the clergy and others, for relief in the matter of subscription, with an account of the reception it met with in the House of Commons; though the mode was now changed, the tendency was nearly the same, and the ground of argument not very different. The motion was, however, well supported, and produced a very considerable debate; but was at length rejected by a great majority, as the former had been, the numbers being 159 to 64. We so fully discussed these subjects when they first originated, that a repetition now of them would be superfluous.

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*Proposals from the East-India Company for a loan. Papers. Resolutions relative to the loan. Right to the territorial possessions questioned. Resolutions for restraining the dividend, contrary to the proposals delivered by the Company; great debates thereon. Resolutions for continuing the territorial acquisitions in the Company for six years, and relative to the future participation and disposal of the surplus profits. Debates. Exportation of teas duty-free. Petition from the East-India Company against the foregoing resolutions. Bill for regulating the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe. Lord Clive's conduct in India arraigned. Resolutions. Final resolution in his favour. Petitions, from the East-India Company, the city of London, and the proprietors of less than 1000*l.* capital stock, against the regulation bill; counsel heard against it; great debates; bill passed. Protests. Speech from the throne.*

A Petition was presented from the East-India Company, setting forth, that finding themselves under a necessity of applying to parliament for relief, they hoped they should be esteemed worthy of receiving it, in the manner, and upon the terms, specified in several propositions, which were included therein. The principal of these, were a requisition for a loan of 1,500,000*l.* for four years, at four per cent. interest, with liberty of repaying the same, as soon as the Company was able, in payments of not less than 300,000*l.* and that the Company should not make a dividend of more than six per cent, until the loan should be reduced to 750,000*l.* that then they might raise their dividend to eight per cent; and after the whole loan was discharged, that the surplus of the nett profits arising in England, above the said dividend, should be appropriated to the payment of the Company's bond debt, until it was reduced to 1,500,000*l.* and from thence, that the surplus profits, should be equally divided be-

tween the public and the Company. It was also requested, that the Company should be released from the heavy penal interest incurred by the non-payment of money, owing in consequence of the late acts for the indemnity on teas, and discharged from the annual payment of the 400,000*l.* to the public, for the remainder of the five years specified in the agreement.

It was farther proposed on the side of the Company, that the accounts of the Duánnée revenues, of the charges of collection, of the civil and military expences of Bengal, together with the amount of the Company's sales, charges, debts owing, bills drawn upon them, and goods in their warehouses, should be delivered annually to parliament; and it was desired, that leave might be given to export teas free of all duty, to America, and to foreign parts.

Some reports from the secret committee had also been received at this time; and as designs upon the Company's territorial possessions were apprehended to be in

contemplation, a gentleman who had been chancellor of the Exchequer in a former administration, moved that several papers, which had passed between the English and French ministers, previous to the late peace, relative to the affairs of the India Companies of both nations, should be laid before the House. These papers tended to shew, that so far as the sentiments of the crown at the time of the peace, could be collected from those of its ministers, it was understood that the East-India Company had an exclusive and undoubted right to those territories it possessed, whether acquired by conquest or otherwise. In one of them was read the following remarkable passage, "Respecting those territorial acquisitions the English East-India Company have made in Asia, every dispute relative thereto must be settled by that Company itself, the crown of England having no right to interfere, in what is allowed to be the legal and exclusive property of a body corporate belonging to the English nation."

March 9th. After the East-India petition had been read, the first lord of the treasury, in introducing the subject of the loan, observed, that the granting of relief to the Company was a matter of necessary policy, and expediency; but in no degree, a claim of right or of justice, as had been represented; and having taken notice of the various methods that had been suggested for that purpose, proposed the following resolutions, which were agreed to, viz. That it is the opinion of this House, that the affairs of the East-India Company are in such a state as to require parliamen-

tary assistance. That a loan of a sum of money is necessary to reinstate the Company's affairs. That a supply of 1,400,000*l.* be granted to the Company. Provided at the same time, due care shall be taken, that the necessary regulations be adopted, to prevent the Company's experiencing the like exigencies in future.

The minister upon this occasion, though he waved, for the present, any particular discussion of the point, not only called in question the Company's claim of exclusive right to its territorial possessions, but insisted upon a prior right in the state; from whence he inferred the justice and legality of its interposing its authority in all cases in that Company's affairs. He observed, that this doctrine was not peculiar to himself; and that several persons of great knowledge in the laws, had declared it as their opinion, "that such territorial possessions as the subjects of any state shall acquire by conquest, are virtually the property of the state, and not of those individuals who acquire them."

Though this was a matter, rather of conversation than debate, such an avowal from that quarter, was thought too dangerous, to be passed over without animadversion. It was said, that the relation which those opinions could have to the Company, depended solely upon the manner of stating the question; that in certain circumstances they were very just, and were not to be contested, when territorial possessions were acquired under the authority of the state; but that when the state, (as in the present instance) has in the most solemn and authentic manner, delegated that

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authority to a distinct and separate body, it can never, without a breach of the conditions on which it was granted, be resumed, without the most manifest injustice, and flagrant violation of public faith; that such doctrines were subversive of all true commercial principles; and were equally inconsistent with the high rights of the royal prerogative, the faith and honour of parliament, and that right of confirmed property, which every man, and every body of men, have, or ought to have, in their legal acquisitions. It was further observed, that the Company's possessions in India were not in strictness conquests; that they were farms held from the prince who was their proprietor and rightful owner; but that a question of property of that nature, was to be decided in a court of justice, and was not a proper subject of discussion there, where the public, who were themselves interested parties, would thereby become the judges in their own cause.

March 23^d. In some time after, the two following resolutions were proposed by the minister, and passed without a division, "That supposing the public should advance a loan to the East-India Company, it is the opinion of this committee, that the Company's dividend should be restrained to six per cent. until the repayment of the sum advanced." And, "that the Company be allowed to divide, no more than seven per cent. until their bond debt be reduced to 1,500,000l."

In the first stating of these propositions, the following words were added to the second; but were afterwards struck out, viz. "and
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no more than eight per cent. before the participation of profits between the public and the Company should take place."

As these restrictions were contrary to the terms proposed by the Company in its petition to the House, they were productive of considerable debates. They were supported, on the undoubted right which every creditor had, previous to his parting with his money, to exact such conditions and stipulations from the borrower, as he thought necessary for his own security; and it was insisted, upon the foundation of the reports made by the secret committee, of the state of the Company's affairs, that it could not with justice to the public, and a due attention to the welfare of the proprietary, afford to make a greater increase of dividend. It was hinted, that the Company had been guilty of an act of delinquency, by exceeding its legal powers in the amount of its bond debt; and it was intimated, that it probably would hereafter be thought necessary, to agitate the question of *Right*, as to the territorial possessions, in parliament. As a salvo, however, to the apprehensions excited by these dangers, it was also thrown out, that when the proposed reduction of the bond debt had taken place, and the loan was repayed to the public, the treasury might then, perhaps, contribute a moiety of its share of the participation, entirely to re-establish the affairs of the Company.

On the other hand, the representations of the Company's affairs, that had been made by the secret committee, were declared to be extremely erroneous; the injury
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that so numerous a body of people as the present stockholders would receive in their property, by the proposed restrictions, was strongly pointed out; and the chairman of the India Company, was called upon in his place to answer, whether he had not declared at a general court, that the proposed increase of dividend, before the participation of profits took place between government and the Company, would have been agreed to? The chairman acknowledged that he had made such a declaration, and thought himself authorized so to do, from several conversations which had passed between the first lord of the treasury and him upon the subject; several parts of which he then repeated. The noble lord declared, that he had given no such promise or hopes to the gentleman, at any interview, in which he considered him as acting in his official capacity of chairman to the Company; and that he had repeatedly cautioned him, that whatever passed in private conversation was to be buried in oblivion, and never to be quoted as authorizing him to any measure whatsoever. These restrictions, however, upon the conversations of public persons on public business, seems to defeat the end of those conversations. A corporate body can have no information otherwise authenticated; since messages in writing are not usually delivered. Such misapprehensions or misrepresentations on one hand, or retraction of promise on the other, had been frequent in the India transactions from the beginning, and had produced many mischiefs.

It was insisted, that the Company had not exceeded its legal powers in regard to the bond debt,

though terrific threats upon that subject had frequently been held out; and it was declared, that they were ready to meet government upon that ground, whenever it thought proper. To conclude, it was requested, that a matter which affected the property of so great a number of people, as the proposed restrictions did, should not be hastily entered into; and that a few days at least might be allowed, to consider coolly of its consequences; that it should be remembered, that the proprietary had agreed to treat with administration upon a supposition that a dividend of eight per cent. would meet with its support, and that to refuse it now, was to lend the aid of government to deceive a set of men, who had already suffered extremely, by being too greatly and too frequently imposed upon.

To this proposal it was replied, that nothing could be more unjust, or even monstrous, than the idea of raising a dividend, till the Company's debts were discharged; that the postponing the resolutions, even for a few days, could answer no useful purpose; the restriction of the Company's dividend to six per cent. was either a proper or an improper measure; if it was an improper measure, the sooner it was discussed and laid aside, the better; if, on the contrary, it was a proper measure, why postpone it?

This inflexibility of the ministers, brought on much censure from the other side. It was insisted that the East-India Company were not before the House. That the act of the Company was contained in the whole of the proposals that were laid before them; that the House was to treat with the Company in
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its corporate capacity, and to accept or reject the whole of its acts; that to accept of part of the Company's proposals, reject the rest, and ingraft new proposals of its own upon those offered by the Company, was to drop the idea of a treaty between parliament and a corporate body, and to destroy the charter rights of the Company.

It was asserted, that all the late treaties between government and the Company, and particularly the present, were in the highest degree iniquitous on the side of the former; that the artifice, duplicity, and treachery, used in conducting them, were as shameful, as the terms were unfair, and the ultimate designs wicked; and that if ever the Company were before the House, they had either been compelled there by violence, circumvented by fraud, or impelled by menaces.

April 5th. In some time after, the following resolutions were moved, and carried by the minister, viz.—“That it is the opinion of this House, it will be more beneficial to the public and the East-India Company, to *let* the territorial acquisitions remain in the possession of the Company for a limited time, not exceeding the term of six years, to commence from the agreement between the public and the Company.” — “That no participation of profits shall take place between the public and the Company, until after the repayment of the 1,400,000 l. advanced to the Company, and the reduction of the Company's bond debt, to 1,500,000 l.” — “That after the payment of the loan advanced to the Company, and the reduction of their bond debt to the sum specified, three fourths of the

nett surplus profits of the Company at home, above the sum of eight per cent. upon their capital stock, shall be paid into the Exchequer, for the use of the public, and the remaining one fourth shall be set apart, either for further reducing the company's bond debt, or for composing a fund for the discharge of any contingent exigencies the Company may labour under.”

The right of the state to the territorial possessions was now insisted upon; but that from motives of policy, expediency, and mutual advantage, it was thought better to wave that right for the present, and to suffer the Company to enjoy them for some time longer; the limitation for six years was accounted for, by the expiration of the Company's charter, which would take place in the year 1780.

The measure of assuming and establishing a right, without any legal decision, or juridical discussion, or so much as hearing the party on the matter of his right, was, without question, a very extraordinary proceeding. The other side cried out against it; but in vain. It was to as little purpose to declare, that the whole conduct with respect to the Company, was equally contradictory to every principle of general law, of equity, and of the policy of nations, as it was impolitic, unwise, and entirely repugnant to the letter as well as spirit of the laws, to the liberties, and to the constitution of this country. For what purpose, said they, do you assert this right, when, in the very same breath, you admit that it is not proper to exercise it? Nobody was then contesting it. It was no part of any question then before the House. If there was not some

sinister design, why not reserve the question of right to its proper time, and then to give it a proper discussion.

To this nothing was directly answered. But government took great pains to display its kindness to the Company. It was said, that notwithstanding the great losses suffered by their misconduct, which rendered them incapable of paying the annual stipulation to the public, they now generously supplied them with a loan of near four times that sum to preserve them from ruin, and would still, from a tender consideration of the Company's affairs, sustain an additional loss in their favour; it was therefore proposed, and agreed to, that as the Company had a stock of teas amounting to above 17,000,000 of pounds, by them, and it would be greatly to their advantage to convert as much of it as they could into money, they should therefore be allowed, to export any quantities of it they pleased, duty-free.

April 30th. The resolutions having been reported in the House and agreed to, a petition was presented from the East-India Company, in which they were complained of in the strongest terms, as unjust and injurious. They complain, that the most material articles of their propositions are rejected: and represent, that when the loan which they have requested from the public is discharged, it must be unreasonable to require any further terms *upon that account*; that the limitation of the dividend to 7 per cent. after the discharge of the loan, and until the reduction of the bond debt, is neither founded on any just calculation of their affairs, nor neces-

sary, either with respect to their credit, or that of the public, and that the small addition of one per cent. though of considerable consequence to them, was too trifling in the amount, to cause any material delay in the reduction of that debt; that the hardship of this limitation is exceedingly aggravated, by a consideration of the great losses which they, as proprietors have sustained, and the expences they have incurred, in acquiring and securing the territorial revenues in India, at the risque of their whole capital, from which the public had reaped such vast advantages, without any equivalent to themselves; and that they had only offered the proposals, which were now made the ground of these restrictive resolutions, upon the faith of those assurances which they had received, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer coincided with them in his intentions.

They farther represented, that the limitation for six years to their territorial possessions, was altogether arbitrary, as it may be construed into a conclusive decision against them, in regard to those possessions, to which they have an undoubted right; a right against which no decision exists, nor any formal claim has ever been made. They refuse to acquiesce in the proposed allotment of their surplus profits; and insist, that such a disposal of their property without their own consent, is not warrantable by any pretensions that have been formed against them; that when they offered a participation in a different proportion of the said surplus, it was in a full persuasion that they might freely enjoy the remainder; that the prescribed li-

mitation, with respect to the application of the one fourth allotted to them in this participation, after the payment of their simple contract debts, and the reducing of their bond debt, to the point affixed by the House, is so subversive of all their rights and privileges, by denying them the disposal of their own property, though all their creditors shall be fully secured according to law, that rather than submit to such conditions, as proceeding from any consent expressed or implied by themselves, they declare their desire, that any claims against them, that can be supposed to give rise to such restrictions, may receive a legal decision, from which, whatever may be the event, they will at least have the satisfaction of knowing what they may call their own.

May 3d. The House had now for about two months, been almost continually occupied by the affairs of the East-India Company, when at length resolutions to the following effect were moved for by the minister, and made the foundation of a Bill, "For establishing certain regulations for the better management of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe." 1st. That the court of directors should, in future, be elected for four years; six members annually; but none to hold their seats longer than four years. 2d. That no person should vote at the election of the directors who had not possessed their stock twelve months. 3d. That the stock of qualification, should, instead of 500l. be 1000l. 4th. That the mayor's court of Calcutta, should

for the future be confined to small mercantile causes, to which only its jurisdiction extended before the territorial acquisition. 5th. That in lieu of this court, thus taken away, a new one be established, consisting of a chief justice and three puisne judges. 6th. That these judges be appointed by the crown. 7th. That a superiority be given to the presidency of Bengal, over the other presidencies in India.

Some of these propositions were supported upon the following principles, 'That in the present state of the Company, the gentlemen in the direction were so disconcerted by the shortness of their turn, and their time so much taken up by caballing for their re-election, that they had neither leisure to form, nor time to execute, any permanent system of general advantage. That the term of 6 months was too short for a qualification to vote, as it did not preclude temporary purchases of stock, merely for that purpose; and that the present qualification of 500l. capital stock, was not a sufficient interest in the Company, to entitle the holder to a vote. That the contraction of powers in the mayor's court at Calcutta, was only reducing its jurisdiction within that narrow circle, to which it had been originally confined; that it was a court composed of merchants and traders, and therefore evidently improper and incompetent, to the trial of those many great, momentous, and complicated matters, which must now come before it; that for these reasons, the erection of a new judicature was absolutely necessary; and that the judges ought evidently to be appointed by the crown, not only

as a matter of propriety, but to give a due weight and consequence to their decisions. That the granting a superiority to one presidency over the rest, was also absolutely necessary, as their being furnished with equal and separate powers, in matters that related to war, peace, and alliance, had frequently been productive of great disorder, confusion, and contradiction; and that the proposed superiority, only related to general affairs, and did not at all interfere with internal regulation.

It was also thrown out, that other regulations would be necessary, particularly that the Company should immediately communicate their advices from Bengal, to the treasury, or secretaries of state; and that the Company's servants should under heavy penalties, bring all their fortunes home in the Company's ships. It was concluded, that though these regulations would operate greatly towards a reformation, it was not to be expected, that the whole could be done at once, and require no farther attention; that on the contrary, it was probable that Bengal would require their annual care; and that as new information could be obtained, a fixed and constant attention in the controuling and legislative power, would at all times be necessary.

As this bill excited a very general alarm, not only with respect to the Company, but those who considered it merely, as dangerous in its tendency with regard to the constitution, it was vigorously combated in every part of its progress; every question, every clause, and every addition, was productive

of a warm debate, and of a division.

Every question was, however, carried by a great majority. In the mean time, the East-India Company, the City of London, and those proprietors who possessed votes, by holding 500*l.* stock, but being under a thousand, were now to be deprived of their franchises, and who amounted to above 1200 in number, presented separate, and unusually strong petitions against the bill. Counsel were also heard in behalf of the Company, and of the 500*l.* stockholders.

Upon the first division on the qualification clause, whether it should be fixed at 1000*l.* stock, the question was carried by 179 to 65. Upon the next question, which related to the establishment of a governor and council at Bengal, after long debates, and a variety of amendments being proposed and rejected, it was at length put, whether the right of nominating the governor and council, should be vested in the crown, or in the Company, and was carried by 161 in favour of the former, to 60 who opposed. By this determination, the immediate appointment was vested in parliament, the officers being, however, removable at the will of the Crown. The right of appointing judges was carried in favour of the crown by a still greater majority, the numbers being 103 to 18 only. The salaries of the judges were fixed, at 8000*l.* to the chief justice, and 6000*l.* a year to each of the other three. The appointments of the governor general and council were fixed, the first at 25,000*l.* and the four others at 10,000*l.* each annually.

Other questions were carried in the same manner as to numbers, though all were strenuously debated. Upon the presenting of the petition, and the hearing of counsel, in behalf of the 500l. stockholders, the following resolution was moved, "That it does not appear to this House, that the proprietors of 500l. capital stock, in the united company of merchants of England, trading to the East-Indies, have been guilty of any delinquency in the exercise of their charter rights, according to the several acts of parliament made in that behalf." This motion caused long and warm debates, in which the rights of the petitioners were ably pleaded, and the alleged injustice of the enacting clause, and the violent injury to their property, strongly represented. Upon a division, the motion was rejected, by 123 to 43.

At length, after more than a month's continual agitation in the House of Commons, and finally concluded by long and eager debates in a late house, this bill, which had attracted the attention of all orders of people, June 10th. was passed by a majority of more than six to one, the numbers being 131 to 21 only. It was opposed in its progress (besides those we have already mentioned) by a petition in behalf of those, who were possessed of property in the East-Indies, who represented, that every kind of transaction, either by remittance or otherwise, with foreign companies, or foreigners settled at Bengal, being prohibited by the bill, their property would be virtually confiscated; and strongly claimed the exercise of that right, which every Bri-

tish subject enjoyed, of remitting his fortune from any part of the world, in the manner he conceived most advantageous to himself.

This bill did not meet with a much less warm reception in the House of Lords, than the ordeal which it had already undergone in that of the Commons; it was however supported and carried through, by a power equally efficacious. Upon the bringing it up, the noble duke whom we have before observed to have conducted the opposition to the supervision bill, moved for a conference with the Commons, upon the subject-matter of the present bill. This motion was strongly opposed, as an unnecessary application, and leading to a tedious and troublesome delay, at this unseasonable time of the year; the motion was accordingly rejected upon a division, by a majority of 39 to 12 lords who supported it.

The same nobleman made a motion, that a message should be sent, for a communication of the reports of the several committees, that had been appointed to make an enquiry into the affairs of the East-India Company, together with a list of the witnesses that had been examined, and of all the papers that had been produced before the House of Commons, with copies of their resolutions, and all the other evidences, facts, and matters, which they had proceeded upon, as a ground for passing the bill. This motion was opposed upon the same principle as the former, and upon a division rejected by nearly the same majority. This refusal of the means of information, was not passed without much debate and animadversion, and was the foundation of a particular protest, in which

which it is severely complained of, and their present conduct strongly contrasted with that practised upon former occasions, particularly in the year 1720, when the Lords had a conference with the Commons, which lasted the greater part of the month of July; but by this mode, it says, the Commons have it in their power to preclude that House from the exercise of its deliberative capacity; they have nothing more to do, than to keep business of importance until the summer is advanced, and then the delay in one house is to be assigned as a sufficient ground for a precipitate acquiescence in the other. It was indeed, generally thought, not very decent for the House of Lords to proceed without any regular parliamentary information whatever, upon matters which the House of Commons had examined so much in detail.

Upon the second reading of the bill, a petition was received from the East-India Company, and counsel heard against it; after which, and many debates, the question was put upon the first enacting clause, with respect to the alteration in the directorship, when upon a division it was carried, to stand part of the bill, by 51 to 16; and the qualification clause was carried on a following division, by nearly the same number. On the June 19th. third reading, the bill was carried through, by 47 to 15; but including the proxies, the majority was much greater, the numbers then being 74 to 17 only. It was however productive of a protest, signed by 13 lords.

Many of the arguments opposed to this bill, were necessarily upon the same ground, with those which

we have stated upon other occasions; the charges of violation of public faith, private property, and chartered rights, have already been so often recited in the affairs of the Company, that a repetition of them, except where they vary in their circumstances from former cases, would be needless. The throwing of so immense a power and influence into the hands of the crown, was represented as totally subversive of the constitution, and made a cause of great and principal objection. The disfranchising of 1246 freemen of the Company, without a charge or pretence of delinquency, was exclaimed against as an act of the most violent oppression, and crying injustice; it was observed that those proprietors of 500l. stock, were the only class of voters, known or qualified by the Company's charter; and that the very grievance of splitting stock, by which they had hitherto been injured by the great proprietors, was now assigned as the cause for stripping them of their franchises, while the former were furnished with new powers for the legal multiplying of that evil.

The whole management of the affairs of the Company in India, being vested in persons, who were neither appointed nor removable by them, thereby cutting them off from all means of controul, from the redressing of grievances, and the applying of a remedy to evils, in their own affairs, was represented as the most glaring absurdity, and unaccountable solecism in politics, that ever had entered the mind of man; that this usurpation of right in the appointment of the Company's servants, being loaded with the compulsory payment of large salaries,

salaries, arbitrarily fixed, and chargeable on their revenues, without their consent, was an act of the most flagrant injustice, and a violent outrage on all the rights of property.

The appointment of executive officers in parliament, was highly condemned, as unconstitutional, most pernicious in its example, productive of faction and intrigue, and calculated for extending a corrupt influence in the crown; as freeing ministers from all responsibility, whilst it leaves them all the effects of patronage; thereby defeating the wise design of the constitution, which placed the nomination of all officers, either immediately or derivatively, in the crown, whilst it committed the check upon improper nominations to parliament, and by confounding those powers which it meant to keep separate, has destroyed this necessary controul, along with every wise provision of the laws, to prevent abuses in the nomination to, or exercise of office. Similar objections were made to other parts of this bill. The appointment of judges and a new court of justice, was not so much debated in either House, as other parts of the regulating bill, except upon fixing the nomination in the crown. In the preceding year, the Company itself had formed a plan for courts of justice, little differing from that adopted by government.

Thus this memorable revolution was accomplished. From that time, the Company is to be considered as wholly in the hands of the ministers of the crown.

During the long enquiries which had been continually carried on, by the *Select* Committee, Lord

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Clive, with several other civil and military officers, who had been in high stations in India, were frequently interrogated, and underwent the strictest examination in that committee, relative to the foreign affairs, and conduct of the Company abroad. These enquiries took in a period of many years, from the beginning of the war, which brought about the revolution in Bengal, in the year 1756, to the present time.

The severest strictures were passed in some of the reports of the committees, upon the conduct of many of the gentlemen concerned in those affairs, to which all the past misfortunes and present distresses of the Company, were principally attributed. At length, a direct enquiry being resolved on, a report was brought up by the chairman of the select committee, containing charges of the blackest dye, of rapacity, treachery, and cruelty, against those who were principally concerned, in the deposal and death of Serajah Dowlah, the signing of a fictitious treaty with one of his agents, the establishment of Meer Jaffer, the terms obtained from him upon that occasion, and the other capital circumstances which led to, or attended, the celebrated revolution of the year 1756; thereby comprehending Lord Clive, and the other chief actors in those transactions.

The chairman, after regretting the particular situation, which put him under the disagreeable necessity of entering upon so irksome a subject, and expatiating largely and very ably upon the nature and extent of the enormities comprized in the charges, proposed the following resolutions, which were

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cellency Josiah Martin; Esq; Governor in Chief of North-Carolina, gave his assent to twenty-five bills, and rejected seventeen. His Excellency then in a speech, wherein he censured the conduct of the Commons-House, first prorogued the General-Assembly, and the next day dissolved the same by proclamation.

The Royal Academy of Sciences at Ulrickstadt, elected Mr. Banks, his companion Dr. Solander, (who is by birth a Swede) and Dr. Lewis, a famous English chymist, members of that learned body.

Advices are received in Spain, from Mexico, that a plague of a very malignant kind had broke out in that city, which in six days had carried off 30,000 of the inhabitants; these advices add, that it is a judgment from God for the wicked and dissolute lives of the Spaniards, and their progeny, in that part of the world.

One Mr. Gelas, curate of Longrate, in the diocese of Agen, aged 101 years, fell into a trance the 31st of last month, when every body thought he was dead, infomuch that preparations were made for his funeral; but just when they were going to carry him to the church he awoke, and asked for something to eat, and has since enjoyed perfect health.

There is now living, at Cockham in Somersetshire, one Rachael Street, who has attained the 103d year of her age. She retains all her faculties, is surprisngly agile, and still earns her livelihood by spinning, &c.

There are ten persons now living in Whitehaven, within the circumference of eighty yards, whose ages together amount to 930 years.—

A remarkable instance of longevity in a close-built town, surrounded with high hills, except in one narrow opening to the sea; and more particularly, as the greater number of these persons have been seamen, who have frequently felt the extremes of the torrid and frigid zones.

DIED lately, Mr. Rosen, of Redburn, Hertfordshire. He has left to each of his tenants half a year's rent; 10l. a year to the poor of Redburn; and the remainder of his fortune to his poor relations.

Rachael Solomon, a jewess, at Rotterdam, aged 110. She has left 9 children, 32 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Near Koninsberg, in Prussia, a woman lately died at the age of 99, who has left 13 children, 124 grandchildren, 114 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren, all said to be alive.

Hugh Moran, a soldier, in the royal hospital at Dublin, aged 113.

James Kealing, another soldier in that hospital, aged 103.

Mary Worsley, aged 105, at Apsley, Bedfordshire. Her son, aged 88, was chief mourner at her funeral.

Mrs. Ann Welder, aged 107, at Stone, Staffordshire.

One Gatty, a taylor, at Helstone in Cornwall, aged 104.

Major Astle, of Carlow, Ireland, aged 100.

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Extract of a Letter from Aleppo, March 13.

“ We have just received letters from Cairo, of the 30th of January, which bring advice that James Bruce,

Bruce, Esq; was lately arrived in that city, from one of the most extraordinary voyages ever undertaken by an European, in which it has often been reported he had perished.

“ In December 1768, he left Cairo, passing through Arabia Deserta, and Arabia Felix. He embarked on the Red-Sea in August 1769, and in September arrived in a small island on the frontiers of Abyssinia. In November he gained an entrance into that jealous kingdom, and in February 1770 arrived at Gondar, the capital. In November he visited those famous sources from whence the river Nile rises. Returning to Gondar, he signalized himself so greatly in two battles gained by the King, over his rebellious subjects, that he became so much in favour with that young prince, as to be refused all his petitions to return; but his health declining daily, at length, in January 1772, he was permitted to set out through Senaar. In November of that year, he arrived at Barbar, the last inhabited part of that kingdom, and in 25 days crossed the great desert of Nubia. Here, reduced to great distress, his camels all perishing with cold, he was obliged to throw away all his drawings, papers, and instruments, and, destitute of every thing, arrived in December at a small village, near the cataracts at Assouan, (Syene). Having got fresh camels, he again returned through the desert; and having retrieved all his papers, books, &c. he descended the Nile to Cairo. Of the nine servants which entered Abyssinia with him, only one remaining alive.

“ Mahomet, the reigning Bey

of Cairo, desiring out of curiosity to see him, after a long conversation, ordered him to be presented with a purse of sequins, covered with fruit and flowers, at the bottom of the stairs. Mr. Bruce took up one flower, and refusing absolutely the money, he was re-conducted to the Bey, to give his reason,. “ I am, says he to the Bey, an Englishman, servant to a great king; it is not the custom in my country, to receive pecuniary gratuities from foreign princes, without the approbation of our sovereign.” The Bey, still more than ever surprized, dismissed him with the greatest marks of distinction.”

Extract of a Letter from Alexandria, March 22.

“ Yesterday we had a terrible gale of wind, in which were lost ten French ships, and two Turkish; they were mostly laden for Smyrna and Constantinople, but the following English ships received no damage, viz. the —, Capt. Aubrey; Resolution, Parry; Tuscany frigate, Donney; China, Hill; and Golden-Fleece, Duncan. All the French abandoned their ships at the beginning of the gale, but the English remained on board, and by that means preserved their ships. One of the French ships had on board 28000 sequins: Capt. Aubrey having all his cargo on board, will sail the first fair wind.”

This day the sessions ended at the Old-Bailey. At this 2d. sessions 16 prisoners were capitally convicted; 39 were sentenced to be transported for seven years; four were branded in the hand; seven were ordered to be privately whipped; and thirty were discharged by proclamation.

The Hon. Captain Phipps and Capt.

Capt. Lutwidge, in the Racehorse, and Carcase frigates, sailed from the Nore to attempt the north-west passage. They are provided with time-keepers, quadrants, &c. and are accompanied by several gentlemen of eminence.

At the monthly meeting of the friends of freedom at the Standard-tavern, Leicester-Fields, a handsome silver cup, with several emblems, expressive of liberty and the free constitution of this country, in particular, the head of Alfred the Great, engraven, was produced to the society, and, in consequence of a former unanimous vote, presented to Mr. Thomas Blair, the secretary, as a testimony of their grateful sense of his trouble and assiduity in the execution of that office.

This morning, about two o'clock, came on a most violent storm of lightening, thunder, and rain, when a watchman belonging to the general-post-office, was by the lightening struck from his seat at the front gate of that office: he was taken up quite insensible, and put to bed in the office. He is somewhat recovered, but still incapable of doing his duty. He was for a time deprived of his sight.

At the same time the lightening beat down the roof of a house in Berners-street, Oxford-street, and damaged the house next to it; but happily none of the family received any hurt.

The same morning a gardener's boat, coming from Greenwich to town with goods, was overset just below Rotherhithe, and immediately sunk. A boy was drowned, but the rest of the people in it were saved.

The lightening likewise pierced

through a house in Fenchurch-street, unroofed part of it, and singed some linen that was on a horse in the kitchen.

We also hear that the masts, &c. of several ships in the Thames were split by the lightening, and that much damage was done below bridge, by the overflowing of the river.

This morning, about two o'clock, a fire broke out at the house of Mr. Kent, hosier, in Cornhill, which consumed the same, with the stock in trade and furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Kent, and the maid servant, got upon Mr. Sydenham's house adjoining; Mrs. Kent had one of her arms much burnt, before Mr. Sydenham's family could be awakened. At length Mr. Sydenham and his family, with the above unhappy sufferers, got out of that house with great difficulty, it being all in flames, and was in a short time entirely consumed, with the furniture and stock, as was the house of Mrs. Flight adjoining. The flames spread into Lombard-street, and consumed the house of Mr. Goodwin, oilman, with his stock, &c. also the house of Mrs. Ray, baker, and the honey-warehouse, besides damaging several others. Several persons were hurt by the falling of a wall; two are since dead, and two were carried to St. Thomas's-Hospital.

At Woodford, in Somersetshire, Mrs. Coneybeare, aged 80, and her two daughters, were all barbarously murdered, between the hours of nine and twelve in the morning, by villains unknown.

In the night, Richard Holt, of Berton, near Aylesbury, in the county of Bucks, farmer, was most bar-

barbarously murdered in his bed-chamber, (his brains being beaten out) and his house plundered of money, and other effects, by some persons unknown, who, it is supposed, got down the chimney into the said room, two ladders having been found the next morning set against the house, and the top of the chimney being damaged.

9th. At a court of common-council, Mr. Alderm. Wilkes moved, That an humble address of congratulation be presented to his Majesty, by that court, on the safe delivery of the Dutchess of Gloucester, and the birth of a princess. Sir Watkin Lewes rose, and declared that he seconded the worthy Alderman's motion. Debates arose, which were continued with great warmth. Mr. Alderman Trecothick opposed it, as being an affront to the King, his Majesty having never owned the lady for his sister. To this it was answered, that the marriage was notorious; and that the Dukes of Richmond and Dorset, the Bishop of Exeter, Lady Albemarle, and others of the first quality, had been present at the delivery. It was, however, carried in the negative, it not being usual for the city to address, except for the issue of the immediate heir to the crown.

The Recorder made the report to his Majesty in council, of the malefactors who were capitally convicted at the last April session at the Old-Bailey, when Collins, Oates, Spooner, Duffey, and Bolton, were ordered for execution.—The six other convicts are respited during his Majesty's pleasure.

11th. It was this day voted in the Committee of Supply, that 8250l. be granted to Mr. John

Harrison, as a reward for his new-invented time-keeper.

At a very numerous meeting of the proprietors of East-India stock, the Duke of Richmond declared that he would mark the regulating bill as an infamous, tyrannical, and unconstitutional bill, and as such oppose it in all its stages. Governor Johnstone moved, "That it be recommended to the Court of Directors forthwith, to appoint Governor Monckton, Commander in Chief of the Company's forces in India." Major Grant begged leave to propose Sir Eyre Coote, as better entitled to that office, from the services he had already rendered the Company. The Court acknowledged his services; but observed, that in the present case, Governor Monckton had not only been ballotted for in a former Court, but approved of by his Majesty, yet he was objected to by the Minister, merely because he would have no officer of the Company's appointment. The motion was therefore agreed to without one dissenting voice. Other motions were likewise put and carried, among which the following:—"That a committee do prepare a petition to be presented to the Right Hon. the House of Lords, praying a rejection of the bill just passed the House of Commons, intituled, "A bill for the better regulation of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe." After which the Court adjourned.

The clause in the will of the late William Temple, Esq; by which he bequeathed a legacy to Mr. Wilkes of 500l. is couched in the following terms:—"for his strenuous exertions in the cause of liberty, and his glorious and noble defence

defence of the English constitution, against a series of despotic, tyrannical, and wicked ministers."

16th. On Wednesday the report was made to his Majesty, by Mr. Recorder, of the prisoners under sentence in Newgate, who were capitally convicted last sessions; when the eight following were ordered for execution next Wednesday se'nnight, viz. James Monk, for a burglary in the house of John Thitchener, in Newport-street; William Boyd, for shooting off a loaded pistol at John Morris, a watchman, and wounding him in the cheek; John Waters, for robbing Mrs. Steed, at Marybone; John Johnson and John Gahagan, for forging an endorsement upon a bill of exchange for 100l. stolen out of the mail in Ireland; Edward Delaney, for robbing John Smith of a watch, and John Kearsley of a pocket-book, and several bills of exchange, in the city road; Joseph Cooper, for a burglary in the house of Mr. Beaumont, at Cripplegate, and stealing 100 guineas; and John Cook, for robbing Mr. David Crusfel, of a watch and 6s. between Stepney and Whitechapel.

The following were respited during his Majesty's pleasure, viz. William Lushby, concerned with James Monk in the burglary mentioned in the preceding paragraph; Samuel Plaistow and Charles Evans, for a burglary at the Hercules-Pillars in Great Queen-street; John Smith, for robbing Mr. Chisholm upon Hounslow-Heath; Edward Lade, for stealing a gelding; James Warby, for stealing a sheep; and Elizabeth Spencer, for privately stealing linen in the shop of Mr. Foot, linen-draper, in Ludgate-street.

This day was determined in the Court of Common-Pleas, upon a special argument, the cause between the inhabitants and the Deputy Postmaster of the town of Ipswich. The question was, whether the Deputy-Postmaster could legally demand any sum over and above the postage for the delivery of the letters to the inhabitants of the town; or, in case of refusal, whether he could oblige the inhabitants to fetch their letters; both which questions were determined in the negative.

At a court of Common-Council, 1000l. per annum was granted to the Recorder, during the pleasure of the Court; and 200l. per ann. additional salary, was granted to the Common-Serjeant.

This morning were executed at Tyburn, pursuant to their sentence, the following convicts, viz. William Collins, Thomas Oates, and Tho. Spooner, convicted in April session of a burglary, in the house of Mrs. Baker, at Chelsea; and John Duffey and Richard Bolton, for a burglary in the house of Miss Henley, in James-street, Bedford-row. — They behaved with great decency. Before they went out of Newgate, they saluted all the under-keepers, and begged they would forgive them, declaring their intention was to have massacred them all, had they not been detected in making their escape.

Mrs. Gladwin, a lady who was coming home from Bengal, on account of her health, with two young children, and two female black servants, on board the *Osterly*, has, with her two children, been poisoned by those slaves, who since their deaths have confessed the crime,

crime, and are now in irons on board the ship.

19th. This day the House of Commons granted 2000*l.* as a reward to Dr. Williams, for his new-invented dye of green and yellow for cotton-yarn, and thread.

On Sunday afternoon, a most awful and affecting accident happened, on the turnpike road, about three miles from Brandon in Suffolk:—Mr. Greenacre, a young gentleman of Oxbrough, in Norfolk, being on his return from London with his uncle, Mr. John Harvey, they were overtaken with a violent storm of thunder and lightening.—Mr. Greenacre, who was on horseback, desired his uncle to give him his great-coat out of the chaise, and in a little time after he had put it on, a dreadful flash of lightening struck him and his horse to the ground. Mr. Greenacre was taken up dead; the horse was terribly wounded on the head, and many parts of his body appeared as if cut and mangled with a knife. There were no spots, nor any apparent effects from the lightening found on the body of the deceased; the colour in his face was not changed, and for some time after he was got to Brandon, he seemed to be in a serene sleep.

A young woman dressed in man's cloaths, was carried before the Lord-Mayor, for marrying an old woman. The old woman was possessed of 100*l.* and the design was to get possession of the money, and then to make off; but the old lady proved too knowing.

21st. This day the following bills received the royal assent, by virtue of a commission from his Majesty, viz.

The bill for establishing certain rules and orders for the future ma-

nagement of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe.

The bill to prevent paper bills of credit hereafter to be issued in any of his Majesty's colonies or plantations in America, from being declared to be a legal payment, &c.

The bill for better lighting and watching the town of Kingston, in Surry.

The bill to explain and amend the laws for the better preservation of moor or hill game in England.

The bill for the more effectual preservation of the game in Scotland.

The bill for altering the punishment of persons fraudulently marking of plate.

The bill to prevent the retailing of spirituous liquors.

The bill to regulate the assize, and making of bread.

The bill to amend the laws, to prevent the killing or destroying of dogs.

The bill to explain and amend the laws for the better preservation of the game in England.

And to such other bills as were ready.

The East-India regulating bill was strongly opposed in the House of Lords, and a protest entered against it.

This morning, about four o'clock, his Majesty set out from Kew, in order to review the fleet assembled at Spithead for that purpose. He reached Portsmouth about eleven, and dined on board the *Barfleur*. At six he descended into his barge, and went round the whole fleet. At eight he viewed the fortifications, and at night supped at the Commissioner's house, where he lay.

Kew,

Kew, June 26. The King having set out from the commissioner's house at Portsmouth at three quarters after six this morning, arrived here about two o'clock this afternoon, in perfect health.

[For the particulars of the naval review, see the Appendix.]

His Majesty, previous to his departure from Portsmouth, was graciously pleased to order the following sums to be distributed, viz.

To the artificers, workmen, and labourers of the dock-yard, victualling-office, and gun-wharf, 1500l.

To the companies of the *Barfleur* and *Augusta* yacht, and the crew of His Majesty's barge, 350l.

To the poor of Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport, 250l.

His Majesty was also pleased to make some other smaller gratuities; and to release the prisoners confined in Portsmouth goal for debt.

26th. This day, the new-born Princess, daughter of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, was privately baptized by the Lord Bishop of St. David's, at Gloucester-house, by the name of Sophia-Matilda. The Princess Amelia in person, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, being sponsors.

Obadiah Rolleson, of Stourbridge, was most barbarously murdered, as supposed, by Walter Kidson of Coleborne-brooke, who called him out of bed about two o'clock in the morning, on pretence that a horse had got into his mowing grass. About five the deceased was found lying across the road, with the back part of his skull beat into his brains, and mashed in a shocking manner; a large cut on the side of his neck,

and several other wounds in other parts of his body. The villain's motive was to rob the deceased of a sum of money he had received the night before; but in dressing himself in haste he changed his breeches, and left the money behind him.

Extract of a Letter from Kingston in Jamaica, April 1, by Capt. Gifford.

“ The 16th of last month was hanged at Spanish Town, one James Hutchinson, the most detestable and abandoned villain that ever disgraced the human species. He was a native of North Britain, and had a pen in Pedro Valley, in St. Ann's parish: When any of his neighbours cattle strayed on his lands, he always secured them as his own, and by that means had acquired a little fortune; and it is imagined that many people had been murdered by him for demanding their property; and this conjecture seemed but too well founded, as you will observe in the sequel. — A Mr. Callender (whose land joined Hutchinson's) had lost a Jack-Ass, and seeing him in this wretch's pasture, went to him, and requested that the Ass might be turned into the highway, when he would take care he should trespass upon him no more. Hutchinson told him his command should be complied with, and when Callender had turned his back and was going away, the villain took up a gun and killed him on the spot. A man then lying sick at Hutchinson's, hearing the report of a gun, crept out of his bed, and asked what firing that was, and said, I believe you have shot the man that I heard enquiring about the ass. The villain replied, Go instantly to your

your bed, or I'll serve you the same sauce. The sick man, however, in the course of the evening, found means to get privately out of the house, and immediately lodged a complaint, upon which Hutchinson was apprehended, and by the information of one of his negroes, the place was discovered where he had conveyed the head of Callender, and where near twenty other human skulls were found; the body was thrown into a cockpit, (as is here called) a place deemed inaccessible, being down a perpendicular rock, that had been split by an earthquake, or so formed by Nature, the bottom of which could not be discerned; hanging, however, upon a point of the rock which jetted out, the unfortunate man's body was seen, and well known by his cloaths: by some daring contrivance, a person went down a considerable length, and discovered a great number of human bodies, but no skulls; so that it is to be supposed this merciless villain had always taken off the heads of those he murdered, in the same manner he did with poor Callender. At his trial he had several of our most eminent council to plead for him; and during the whole time, from his commitment to his execution, he behaved with the greatest insolence; he employed the whole day before he died, in writing, and told the people he had made his own epitaph, and left 100l. to have it engraved on his tomb-stone. It is long, and ill wrote; but he concludes it in these words, speaking of the court and jury:

“ Their sentence, pride, and malice I defy,

“ Despise their power, and like a Roman die.

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James Hutchinson, hanged at Spanish-Town, the 16th of March, 1773, aged 40 years.”——Thus was the world rid of this detestable and most execrable monster.”

Extract of a Letter from New-York, dated the 13th of May, 1773.

“ Some time ago, one Sarah Wilson, who attended the Hon. Miss Vernon, sister to Lady Grosvenor, and maid of honour to the Queen, having found means to be admitted into one of the royal apartments, took occasion to break open a cabinet, and rifled it of many valuable jewels; for which she was apprehended, tried, and condemned to die; but through the gracious interposition of her mistress, her sentence was softened into transportation: she accordingly, in the fall of 1771, was landed in Maryland, where she was exposed to sale, and purchased by Mr. W. Devall, of Bush-Creek, Frederick county. After a short residence in that place, she very secretly decamped, and escaped into Virginia, travelled through that colony, and through North to South-Carolina. When at a prudent distance from Mr. Devall, she had assumed the title of the Princess Susanna Carolina Matilda, pronouncing herself to be an own sister to our sovereign lady the Queen. She had carried with her clothes that served to favour the deception, had secured a part of the jewels, together with her Majesty's picture, which had proved so fatal to her. She travelled from one gentleman's house to another, under these pretensions, and made astonishing impressions in many places, affecting the mode of royalty so imitably, that many had the honour to kiss her hand: to some she promised governments, to others regiments, with promotions of all kinds

kinds in the treasury, army, and royal navy. In short, she acted her part so plausibly, as to persuade the generality she was no impostor. In vain did many sensible gentlemen in those parts exert themselves to detect, and make a proper example of her, for she had levied heavy contributions upon some persons of the highest rank in the southern colonies; but at length appeared the under-written advertisement, together with Mr. Michael Dalton, at Charles-Town, raising a loud hue-and-cry for her Serene Highness; but the lady has made an excursion a few miles to a neighbouring plantation, for which place the messenger set out, when the gentleman who brought us this information left Charles-Town. How distressing to behold a lady of this exalted pedigree and pretensions, thus surprised into the hands of her inexorable enemies!

ADVERTISEMENT.

Bush-Creek, Frederick County, Maryland, Oct. 11. 1771.

“Run away from the subscriber, a servant maid, named Sarah Wilson, but has changed her name to Lady Susanna Carolina Matilda, which made the public believe that she was her Majesty’s sister; she has a blemish in her right eye, black rolled hair, stoops in her shoulders, makes a common practice of writing and marking her cloaths with a crown and a B. Whoever secures the said servant woman, or takes her home, shall receive five pistoles, besides all costs and charges.

WILLIAM DEVALL.

“I entitle Michael Dalton to search the city of Philadelphia, and

from thence to Charles-Town, for the said woman.

WILLIAM DEVALL.”

(A true copy.)

By an account laid before the House of Commons, of the number of horses exported from England, from January 3, 1750, to January 5, 1772, the numbers appeared to be, during fourteen years *peace*, 21,348; during eight years *war*, 7,783; so that in twenty-two years, 29,131 horses were exported.

The total number of proprietors of East-India stock, with their qualifications, as they stood in the Company’s books the 4th of March last, is as follows:

English proprietors possessing 1000l. stock and upwards, 487—Stock 1,018,398l. 19s. 11d.

Foreign ditto, possessing 1000l. stock, and upwards, 325—Stock 890,940l. 17s.

Total proprietors of 1000l. stock, 812—Total stock 1,909,339l. 16s. 11d.

English proprietors possessing 500l. stock and upwards (not amounting to 1000l.), 1246—Stock 634,464l. 1s. 8d.

Foreign ditto, possessing 500l. stock and upwards (not amounting to 1000l.), 95—Stock 50,226l.

Total proprietors of 500l. stock, 1341—Total stock 684,720l. 1s. 8d.

On the 17th a most violent storm, which fell in the neighbourhood of Belford, in France, and which lasted but twelve minutes, destroyed all the hopes of the inhabitants of a plentiful harvest. The least hail-stones that fell, weighed four or five ounces, and many were taken up which weighed half a pound. Several persons were wounded, many

many much hurt, all the glass exposed to the storm was broken, and great damage done to many houses.

The same day a like storm caused great ravages at Sarguemines, and twenty-nine neighbouring towns of Lorraine, and extended likewise over six districts of the principality of Nassau.

And on the 18th, a most violent storm of hail, not only destroyed all the corn in the neighbourhood of Zittau, in Upper Lusatia, but almost ruined ten villages. The element appeared entirely green at the time of this dreadful calamity, and the hailstones were prodigious large; in one village 29 houses were beaten down, several trees were split asunder, and the general damage done to the farmers is incredible.

As the regiment of the Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel, were on their march, a captain made his company halt, and drew up around him the grenadiers, who loved him as their father, because he treated them as his children. He then made a short speech to them on their situation, and earnestly exhorted them always to discharge their duty. Having said this, he next distributed all the money he had amongst them, then drew a pistol from the holster of his saddle, discharged it into his breast, and fell dead upon the spot.

A company, composed of a thousand families from Dantzick, have asked liberty of the King of France, that they may settle in the suburbs of St. Lazare, at Marseilles, where they propose to build themselves houses, to carry on new manufactures, and to build a number of vessels to export them to all parts.

The magistrates of the above city, to whom the above memorial has been sent, assembled the 3d ult. to take it into consideration.

By a storm of thunder and lightning that happened lately in the electorate of Saxony, the whole town of Rhichenback is entirely reduced to ashes. The effects of the lightning were so sudden and so very rapid, that the inhabitants had the greatest difficulty to escape from the flames, without time to remove any part of their goods. The officers and soldiers of the Elector's regiment of cavalry, which was in the garrison in that town, had all their baggage burnt.

Accounts have been received of tumults and insurrections in different parts of France, on account of the dearth of bread. In Guyenne the peasants have armed themselves, and ranged all over the province, breaking open and plundering the magazines, bakers shops, &c. At Bourdeaux, above 1000 peasants assembled on the banks of the river, and stopped every vessel that had corn on board; and, at Alby, the people became so desperate through distress, that upwards of 40 unfortunate wretches lost their lives, and with them the mayor of the place, and his lieutenant. The parliament of Thoulouse, in consequence of this insurrection, has caused 200 persons to be taken up.

Four men of war, borrowed by the King of Portugal of the States-General, are sailed to the West-Indies. The States to be allowed 300,000*l.* for the use of them for five years.

A large company being on a party of pleasure in the river Tagus, in the King's barge, a sudden squall overset the vessel off the

Cascaes, whereby several persons were drowned. The company consisted of the Earl of Findlater, (a Scotch nobleman) his lady and daughter, the young Count de Lippe (a German colonel in the service of Portugal), the Abbe de Saldanha (brother to the Archbishop of Lisbon), two sons of the French consul, and several of the Portuguese nobility and gentry. The persons lost were, two black servants, the Count de Lippe, the archbishop's brother, and three young ladies, daughters to the chief justice of Lisbon. The rest were saved by some fishing boats belonging to the Cascaes.

By the East-India bill now filled up, and printed with the amendments, the salary of the governor general is to be 25,000*l.* per annum, and that of the four council 10,000*l.* per annum each, who are nominated in the act; and the salary of the chief justice is to be 8000*l.* and the three other judges 6000*l.* each, the judges to be appointed by his Majesty.

By the bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of 1,400,000*l.* for the relief of the East-India company, it is provided, that, if the company should not accept of the loan on the terms prescribed by the act, the commissioners of the Treasury may apply the same in discharge of the company's debts, particularly of those due to government; and all the profits of the company are to be paid into the Exchequer, half yearly, towards making good the principal and interest of those debts so discharged.

This morning, the six 30th. convicts under sentence of death in Newgate, were carried to tyburn, in order for executi-

on; but a respite, sent express by one of his Majesty's messengers, arrived at tyburn for John Gahagan, some time after the rope was fastened round his neck, and just before he was going to be turned off. He was immediately unloosed, carried back to Newgate, and bled: he seemed filled with the utmost gratitude to the Almighty, his Majesty, and friends, for this his signal deliverance. The other five were executed.

DIED lately, Charles M'Findley, Esq; of the county of Tipperary, aged 143 years: he was a captain in the reign of King Charles I. and came with Oliver Cromwell into Ireland; soon after which he retired from the army.

Mrs. Jacobs, of the Little Almonry, Westminster, aged 97.

Stephen Fibleson, Esq; aged 98, at Mile-end.

JULY.

This day his Majesty ^{1st.} went in the usual state to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal assent to the following bills, viz.

The bill for granting to his Majesty a certain sum out of the sinking fund, for the service of the present year.

The bill for raising 600,000*l.* by loans on Exchequer bills.

The bill to enable his Majesty to raise 1,400,000*l.* by loans on Exchequer bills, to be applied for the service of the East-India Company.

The bill to prevent the counterfeiting of bank notes, or bills, and to prevent obtaining false credit by the imitation of bank notes or bills.

The bill to explain, amend, and reduce

reduce into one act, the several laws for the better preservation of public highways.

The bill to prevent the counterfeiting or diminishing the gold coin of this kingdom.

The bill to regulate the wages or prices of journeymen weavers in Spitalfields, or within five miles of London.

The bill to enable Mess. Adams to dispose of their buildings, in the Adelphi, by way of chance.

The bill for the better regulation of lying-in hospitals.

The bill for the better cultivation of common arable fields, commons, and wastes.

To several expiring law bills; and to such other bills as were ready.

After which his Majesty put an end to the present session by a most gracious speech from the throne, and the Parliament was prorogued to the 7th of September next.

The following gentlemen kissed his Majesty's hand at St. James's, on their several removes and appointments during his Majesty's naval review at Portsmouth, viz. Sir Hugh Palliser, Sir John Williams, Sir Richard Hughes, Charles Proby, Esq; and George Marsh, Esq;

On Monday a report was made to a great assembly, that their address of Friday the 18th. ult. "That his Majesty would be graciously pleased to confer some mark of his royal favour upon the Hon. Lieut. Gen. Robert Monckton, in consideration of his meritorious services to his Majesty and to his country, either by a grant of lands in some of the islands in the West-Indies which were ceded to his Majesty by the late treaty of

peace, or in such other manner as his Majesty should think proper," had been presented to his Majesty; and that his Majesty had commanded him to acquaint the assembly, that he will take the same into consideration.

Letters from Paris give the following further particulars of the accident that happened on opening a grave in the body of the church of St. Saturnin, on the 20th of April, at Saulieu:—Of 120 young persons of both sexes, who were assembled to receive their first communion, all but six fell dangerously ill, together with the cure, the vicar, the grave-diggers, and 66 other persons. The illness with which they were seized is described to be a putrid verminous fever, accompanied with an hæmorrhage, eruption, and inflammation. As the persons who are affected principally dwelt near the church, and the cause being known, a stop has happily been put to the contagion, but not before it had carried off 18, among whom were the cure and the vicar.

The following letter, sent to each of the captains of the men of war at Portsmouth, was read to their ships companies:

"Sir Thomas Pye, Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships at Spithead and in Portsmouth harbour, has it in command from the King, to acquaint the Right Hon. Lord Edgumbe, Vice Admiral of the Blue; Sir Richard Spry, Rear Admiral of the White; and the Captains of the squadron under their command; that he is pleased with their attention during his visitation at Portsmouth; and that he shall ever have in remembrance

the activity and vigilance of the officers and men of that squadron, on the late equipment.

THOMAS PYE."

6th. This day was tried before Lord Mansfield, a cause wherein Joseph Walker was plaintiff, and Richard Chapman, one of the pages to her Majesty, defendant; the action was brought to recover back the sum of 50l. paid to a Mrs. Hoppner, by the direction of defendant, in part of 70 guineas, for which defendant promised to get plaintiff a place in the customs; when, after a full hearing, and the Jury going out about half an hour, they brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, with 50l. damages, besides costs of suit.

Extract of a Letter from Oxford, July 7.

"The celebrity of the Encœnia, took place in the Theatre here this day. Nothing could surpass the splendour of the appearance made by the company when they were all assembled here. The ladies exceeded the gentlemen in dress, as they did infinitely in number. Lord North opened the business of the day as chancellor, by proposing the admission of some noblemen and gentlemen to honorary degrees in the university. These being approved, they were severally presented to the body by the Rev. Dr. Vansittart, and received with applause. The honorary members were upwards of a dozen in number: Among them were, the Marquis of Carnarvon, Lords Shelbourne, Besborough, two Lords Spencer (brothers of the Duke of Marlborough) Judge Nares, &c. This ceremony was followed by the Recital of a Latin

Poem, which was written for the prize by Mr. Lowth, son of the Bishop of Oxford: and an English Oration in the praise of musick, written also for the prize, by Mr. Milles, of Queen's College. Both these had much merit, and were well delivered, particularly the latter. Mr. Wheeler, the poetry professor, next delivered his commemoration discourse. The morning's business was concluded by performing the Installation Ode."

By the late Act to prevent the counterfeiting of bank notes, paper-makers, not authorised by the Bank, who shall make any paper, or be assisting in making any paper, with the words BANK OF ENGLAND, visible in the substance of such paper, shall be adjudged felons, and suffer death without benefit of clergy; and engravers, who shall engrave any promissory note, inland bill, or bill of exchange, containing the words BANK OF ENGLAND, BANK POST BILL, or any words expressing the *Sum* or *Amount*, in white letters in a black ground, or having any plate so engraved in their custody, shall be committed to the county gaol, and suffer imprisonment therein, for any term not exceeding six months. The same punishment is likewise to be inflicted upon all persons who shall utter notes with any such marks upon them.

By reports to the House of Commons, it appears, that the linen manufacturers of Scotland and Ireland, have decreased these two last years at least one half, owing to the migration of the poor from those kingdoms.

The states general, at the instance of Sir Joseph York, have given orders for placing lights in
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the summer as well as winter in the light-houses on the opposite banks of the Meuse to prevent the accidents to which English ships are exposed in cloudy weather.

This day the Encoenia at 9th.

Oxford, which began on Wednesday, ended; and is said to have been the grandest that ever was celebrated in that university.

The university of Oxford, in full convocation, passed a vote for appointing a substitute to fill the Vinerian Law Professorship, in the absence of Mr. Justice Chambers, who is appointed one of the Puisne Judges for the East-Indies; that gentleman having the option, within three years, of returning to his professorship, should it prove more agreeable.

On Wednesday the great cause long depending between the heirs of the late Gen. Stanwix, his lady and daughter, was finally determined before Lord Mansfield, in the court of King's Bench: The counsel recapitulated the old arguments relating to the probability of each party being drowned before the other, but the court advised them to compromise the matter, and let all parties come in upon an equal footing; which was agreed to.

An action was brought in the court of King's Bench, against a pawnbroker, on the statute against usury; when it was proved, that the defendant took 13s. interest for five days loan of 26l. 5s. The plaintiff recovered treble the sum lent, and had accordingly a verdict for 78l. 15s.

A letter from Charles Town, South-Carolina, dated May 14, says, "The war between the two Indian nations of Creeks and Choc-

taws, which has subsisted for several years past, is again carried on with great inveteracy on both sides. In a late engagement the Creek Indians had 19 warriors killed, among whom was half-bred Molton, a noted and principal head man of that nation. The Young Twin, another head man, was in the party, but escaped and got safe, with an account of the disaster, to his own country."

A Jew from Poland, travelling through Birmingham, was set upon by a desperate set of young villains, who robbed him of 90l. and upwards, and beat and otherwise misused him in a barbarous manner. It is now 22 years ago since a poor Polish Jew was robbed of a like sum, for which one Goddard was apprehended and tried at the Old Bailey, but acquitted.

A baker, who had been a long time confined in the gaol at Lynn, near Norfolk, for debt, being told by the keeper that his rigid creditor had neglected paying his groats, and that he was now at liberty, the surprise had so great an effect on him that he dropped down dead.

Robert Gunning, Esq; the British minister at Petersburg, was invested with the ensigns of the order of the Bath, by the hands of the Empress, and, at her own appointment, on the anniversary of her accession to the throne. After the ceremony, the Empress desired Sir Robert to wear the sword with which he had been knighted.

This day the sessions ended at the Old Bailey, 14th. when ten prisoners were capitally convicted; 49 were sentenced to be transported for seven years; one for 14 years; eight branded in the hand; six to be privately whipped; and

and 31 were discharged by proclamation.

Among those capitally convicted, was John Lennard, for ravishing Miss Bos. Lennard was a bailiff's follower, and was left by Mr. Vere, a sheriff's officer, in possession of a house in Westminster, into which he had carried an execution, and in which Miss Bos was a lodger. On the 15th of June the maid went out in the evening, and left no body in the house but the prisoner, and his two associates, and Miss Bos: Lennard soon began to be rude to the young lady, and being repulsed, behaved to her in a manner too shocking to be mentioned. She screamed out and made all the resistance in her power, seized the villain by the throat, and struggled with him till she lost her senses: a neighbour hearing her scream, and suspecting some foul play, knocked at the door, and enquiring what might be the cause, Lennard opened the window, and made answer it was only a drunken woman, and retired. The fact was fully proved, and he was capitally convicted. His two associates, whose names are *Graves*, and *Guy*, were indicted, as accessaries after the fact, and being found guilty, were burnt in the hand, and sentenced to remain in Newgate one whole year.

A countryman having bought some linen, at a shop in Holborn, offered in payment a light guinea, which the master of the shop instantly clipt in two. The countryman stared first at his guinea, and then at the man that clipt it; and snatching up the scissars made a chop at the shop-keeper's hand, cut off the first joint of his middle finger, and then ran away.

On Saturday afternoon, a fire broke out at Wapping-Wall, in the parish of Shadwell, occasioned by the carelessness of a person who attended the heating of a pitch-kettle, which boiled over, and occasioned the consuming of about 15 houses.

The following is an extract of a letter from Bombay, dated Nov. 26.—“ Our whole attention at present is taken up on an expedition against Broach, a small way to the northward of Surat. We made an attempt last year, and brought the Nabob to terms, who paid us a visit at Bombay, and settled matters; but he deceived us in the end, and trifled in so shameful a manner, as to render it absolutely necessary to subdue him, which we effected. He made a valiant defence, worthy a better character, he being dreaded by his own subjects, and every nation round us, as a cruel tyrant.

“ The expedition was commanded by Gen. Wedderburn and Mr. Wation, our superintendant of marines. The troops consisted of about 1000 Europeans, and between two and 3000 Seapoys. The general, as I hear, rather disapproving of the ground for the encampment, went to reconnoitre on horseback, was noticed by the enemy, and shot through the head with a ginjawl, either from the walls, or through treachery, as the Nabob had made proposals, but no faith could be put in him.

“ These people are so dexterous with the ginjawl piece, which is a very long gun, that it is common for a man to hit an orange at the distance of 150 yards four times out of six.

“ In this unlucky manner fell Gen. Wedderburn, of extensive abilities,

abilities, indeed too great for the field he had to act in, and well worth a better fate : he was a warm friend, and possessed of many good qualities.

“ On the 23d inst. we received advice, that Broach was attacked by storm on the 19th, and that the firing had not ceased when the express came away.

“ We have this instant, since writing the above, received the agreeable news of the fall of Broach, where we have been very successful, having only lost in the whole the general and six officers killed, and about ten wounded. Among the killed are, John Campbell, called Tall Campbell, Lieutenant Blach, of artillery, Ensign L’Estrange, and a cadet of the name of Carrick.”

Hague, July 8. We hear from Brome in the county of Zell, that their fields lately promised the most abundant harvest; but they have now unhappily experienced a most terrible reverse. A storm has destroyed all the fruits of the earth. No persons there, it is said, were ever witnesses to such hail, both as to its quantity and duration. Many of the hail-stones were of the size of a common coffee-cup, with many points, and were prodigiously hard. The destruction occasioned by this storm is immense. Whole villages, besides the loss of their harvest, have had all their fowls killed or dangerously wounded, and the cattle of all sorts have greatly suffered. The linen, which was spread in order to be whitened, was torn in pieces, and several persons, who were not able to reach shelter, were killed or mortally wounded.

The Landgrave of Hesse Cassel had published an ordonance for-

bidding the use of coffee : a magistrate, however, was imprudent enough to treat his guests with coffee, and a schoolmaster gave some to his servants : they were both condemned to suffer the punishment inflicted by the law, which is confinement for a certain time to hard labour. The magistrate offered 100 Louis to be pardoned; but he was told, that, to preserve the law in its proper force, it was not in the power of money to buy a delinquent off, which would confine the punishment to the poor, and increase the number of prevaricators among the rich.

Edinburgh, July 13. On the 22d of last month, between seven and eight hundred people from the Lewis Islands, sailed from Stornoway for America. They complained much of the oppressions they laboured under, which, they say, obliged them to quit their country.

A young gentleman, natural son to a late eminent attorney in the Temple, was taken into custody, being charged with forging the Will of a gentlewoman, in which he had made himself her sole executor, and had taken out letters of administration at Doctors Commons, by virtue of which he had sold South-Sea stock to the amount of 250l. in order to pay off the pretended legacies as expressed in this Will, but had converted the same to his own use. The fraud was detected by the gentlewoman’s appearing at the South-Sea house, in order to receive her dividend, when, to her great astonishment, she was told she was dead, her Will administered to, and her stock disposed of. She was
struck

struck with the deepest sorrow, when she was told by whom. She had been intrusted with the care of the youth in his infancy, and loved him as her own child. A melancholy instance this, of the temptation to which unexperienced youth are exposed by the prevailing dissipation and extravagance of the times !

This day the Recorder made the report to his Majesty in council of the capital convicts in Newgate, viz. Thomas Younger, James Younger, and Thomas Grear, for breaking and entering the house of Mrs. Mortimer, Milliner, in Gravel-lane, Ratcliff-highway, and stealing a quantity of effects. Joseph Holmes and Maurice Murray, for burglariously breaking open the house of John Wiley, in Crowcourt, Whitecross-street, and stealing a cask of liquor, two coats, &c. Thomas Plunkett, for robbing Mr. Dudley on the highway, between Highgate and Islington. Alexander Montgomery, for breaking and entering the house of Mr. Craig, in Holborn, and stealing a table cloth. John Lennard, for committing a rape on Miss Ann Bos, William Eames, for uttering a counterfeit Bank note for 40l. knowing it to be forged. Francis Grainger, for being at large after receiving sentence of transportation. And Mary Delany, convicted of felony in February session, but respited by the Judge on account of her pregnancy. His Majesty was pleased to respite James Younger, Alexander Montgomery, Francis Grainger, and Mary Delany. The law is left to take its course with the others, and they are to be executed on Wednesday the 11th of August.

It is said that the late Lord Tyrawley, who died on the 13th inst. begged some time before his death that he might be laid in the burying-ground of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, with the old soldiers of that foundation, saying, "As he had bravely lived with them in the field, so he wished, after death, that his remains might be deposited with theirs: A request that closed the life of this noble veteran.

At a general court of the proprietors of the East-India 22d. Company, the resolution of *not* appointing Gen. Clavering Commander in chief of the Company's forces in India, was confirmed.

Petersburgh, June 22. Her Serene Highness the Landgravine of Hesse Darmstadt, and the three Princesses her daughters, arrived at Revel on Thursday night last, after a voyage of 10 days, from Lubeck; and they are expected this evening at Zarco-Zelo.

Paris, July 2. The 24th of last month two girls, one of 12, and the other of 13 years old, were feeding four cows and a heifer on a hill, named *Coteau de Rose*, in the territory of Aspres: About four o'clock in the afternoon, the cows suddenly began to run, and one of the girls followed them in order to stop them, while the other was giving bread to the heifer; at the same time a subterraneous noise was heard, and all the ground which the cows had just left fell in. Diligent search has been made for the other girl and the heifer, but to no purpose.

By letters from Prague we have advice, that Mr. Coulton, an English merchant residing in Bohemia, has lately received from her Imperial

perial Majesty the Empress Queen, a present of her Majesty's cypher, set in diamonds, as a testimony of her Majesty's approbation of the great relief given by that gentleman to the poor, during the late scarcity of corn.

At the request of the 3^d Lords of the Treasury, the Bank gave notice in this night's Gazette, that any quantity of guineas, half-guineas, and quarter-guineas, (cut and defaced agreeable to the act) not less than fifty guineas in a parcel, will be taken in there on Monday August 2, and every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, till further notice, at the rate of 3l. 17s. 10¹/₂d. per ounce.

By an act of parliament made in King William's reign, and yet *unrepealed*, "whoever takes or pays away any milled money, not cut to pieces, for less than it passed current when first coined, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and suffer death accordingly."

A young lady, at St. Merrin in Cornwall, threw herself from the top of an high cliff into the sea, and was drowned; her corps was much defaced by dashing against the rocks. This melancholy affair is said to have been occasioned by her father's refusing to let her see a young fellow a few hours before he died.

Edinburgh. July 27. This day the Court of Session determined the important question, which has been so long agitated in this and our neighbouring country, viz. Whether authors should have a perpetual exclusive property in their works, or a limited one. The cause before the court was a prosecution brought by Mr. Hinton, a

London bookseller, against three Scotch bookellers, for printing and vending Stackhouse's History of the Bible, first published in the year 1732. The cause was argued by the counsel at the bar for four days, with much learning, ingenuity, and acuteness. After which the judges delivered their opinions at great length, and by a majority of twelve to one, sustained the defences, and assilized the defenders from the prosecution brought against them by the London book-sellers. It is said this cause will be removed to the House of Lords in England, and there finally determined.

DIED lately, Abraham Cowley, Esq; of Dublin, who dying a bachelor, has left his fortune to the hospital for lunatics.

At his house in Rose-court, Ratcliffe-Highway, aged 71, Mr. Charles Munder, who was originally a coal porter, but for some years past had dealt in seamens tickets, and let out money to interest, by which means he died possessed of upwards of 7000l. which will devolve to his niece, now servant to a public-house in Southwark, and the only relation he has living.

At Lambeth, in the 104th year of his age, Mr. John Drickly. He was formerly a surgeon in the army, and was at the battle of Culloden; he retained his senses till within ten minutes of his death.

At Greenwich, Captain Ridley, aged 104. He was a commander in Queen Anne's wars, and lost both his legs in the service.

At Cardigan, aged 92, Philip ap Morrice, Esq; who by his will has ordered 31 calves heads to be given annually

annually to the poor of Cardigan, on St. Matthew's-day, being his birth-day.

Mungo Humphreys, a fisherman, of Folkstone, aged 113, which he had followed near 90 years.

Mr. Long. farmer, at Fourtree-hill, Enfield, aged 102.

AUGUST.

2d. At eleven at night, arrived at Newcastle upon Tyne, Mr. Serjeant Glynn, to plead the cause of the freemen of that corporation. As soon as it was known, the town was illuminated, and the bells set a ringing; the populace dragged the Serjeant's carriage to the lodgings provided for him during his stay.

The matter in dispute is, Whether the Burgesses, as heretofore, shall be permitted to enjoy, in their own right, the unalienable common property of a common called the Town Moor, or shall hold it in future, on the pleasure of the magistrates and common-council.

On Saturday passed the great-seal, a grant of a pension of 500l. per ann. to — Cornwall, Esq; out of the revenue, duty, or custom of 4 1-half per cent. at Barbadoes, and the Leeward islands, to hold the same during his life.

7th. This day died at Hampstead, in the 37th year of her age, Mrs. Catharine Hall, relict of Mr. Anthony Hall, of Crutched Friars. Having lost her only child in the early part of life, and dying without any near relations, she has directed her fortune to be equally divided between the

Asylum, the Lock-Hospital, and the Magdalen; to the last of which charities, she was a considerable benefactress in her life-time. She was esteemed the best worker on the tambour in Europe; and is said to be the only person who ever beat the celebrated Jonas at cards. The following whimsical epitaph, which alludes to her two favourite amusements, is, by her direction, to be inscribed on her tomb-stone.

Ere my *work's* done, my *tbread* is cut;
My hands are cold, my eyesight fails,
Stretch'd in my *frame*, I'm compass'd
now

With worms instead of *lovely snails* *.
The *game* of life is finish'd too,
Another now has ta'en my chair;
Griev'd there's no *shuffling* after death,
I'm gone, alas, the Lord knows
where!

Reader, attend; if you in *works* excel,
In bliss eternal you'll hereafter dwell:
And if you *play your cards* with caution
here,
Secure to win, *the trump* you need not fear.
O care Deus mi miserere mei!

This morning the seven 11th. criminals under sentence of death in Newgate, were executed at Tyburn. Their behaviour was decent and devout. Lennard and Younger appeared greatly affected at their approaching fate; but Grear ascended the steps into the cart with great alertness, and took his seat with much seeming composure. After hanging the usual time, their bodies were delivered to their friends for interment.

Lennard, the Sunday before he suffered, received the sacrament at the chapel in Newgate, from the hands of the Rev. Mr. Temple, and then, in the most solemn manner, declared to that gentleman,

* The silk-twist used in tambour work, called in the French *Cbenilles*.

that he was entirely innocent of the fact for which he was to die; that he had been repeatedly intimate with Miss Bos, with her own consent; and that all the reason he could conjecture for her prosecuting him was, that he had communicated this matter to Graves, the other bailiff's-follower, who availed himself of the secret, and found means to get into the young lady's room, and really perpetrated the fact with which she accused Lennard. In this story he persisted all the time he afterwards remained in Newgate; but Mr. Temple, suspecting his veracity, delivered a paper to Mr. Toll, and another person, who usually administer spiritual comfort to the malefactors in their last moments, in which he requested them to ask Lennard about those two assertions just before he was turned off. This request Mr. Toll and his colleague punctually complied with; and the unhappy man acknowledged, he had taken the sacrament to an absolute falsehood; that he was taught in Newgate to believe it might do him service; that he found his mistake too late, and all the amends he could make was, to acknowledge the truth before he left the world, and beg pardon of God for having acted in so atrocious a manner.

Staplehurst, near Cranbrook } "A per-
in Kent, Aug. 7. son of this

place has arrived at perfection in the art of hatching ducks; he has raised this season near 500 ducks, by an ingenious method, from a very inconsiderable number of old ones, which laid six or eight sets of eggs: as they lay them he puts them under a hen; she sits on them for a week or ten days; he then places the eggs in a horse dunghill, and takes care

to turn them every twelve hours till they are hatched, which is generally in a month, but he can force them a week sooner if he thinks necessary; he then puts fresh eggs to the hen, which is kept constantly sitting for two or three months; he then mostly takes them from her at the time before mentioned, but in rainy or cold weather, he lays the eggs before a fire, which answers the same purpose, by turning them every twelve hours; and by these means he raises every year, from ten or twelve ducks, between five and six hundred young ones."

Last night, a most violent storm of thunder and light- 14th.
 ening, accompanied by frequent gusts of wind, and torrents of rain, began between nine and ten o'clock, and, with some slight intermissions, continued till near seven o'clock this morning; the two strongest, and most alarming claps, were at 12 and 5 o'clock. The following are a few of the many instances of hurt done in various parts of the town and places adjacent:—The church of St. Peter, Cornhill, was damaged; and a woman passing near it lost an eye. The north-side of the obelisk in St. George's fields, was struck with such violence, that the crown stone of the base was opened about an inch, and the seventh stone from the top of the spire cracked. A house was split asunder at Limehouse. A cottage, with a shed adjoining to it, on Sydenham-Common, was set on fire, and burnt. At Low-Layton, in Essex, two large ricks of hay were consumed. The horses of two waggons coming to London, ran away, and one was everset at Barnet, and the other at Whetstone. The horses of the Gloucester

Gloucester stage also ran away near Acton, and the carriage was overturned and broken to pieces. Mrs. Beech, of Tothill-fields, was struck down near her own door, and rendered senseless for some time. The son of Mr. Steelman, cheesemonger in Oxford-street, a youth about 17 years of age, standing at his father's door, was struck dead; his hat was scorched, and his hair much burnt. A man coming from Islington was killed. A waterman and his boy coming in a boat from Blackwall, the man was killed, but the boy escaped.

Below bridge considerable damage was done to the shipping, many masts being shivered to pieces, and some sailors are said to have lost their lives.

Dreadful as this account may appear, it is but a very superficial detail of the calamities occasioned by this storm, which, if we consider the length of its duration, and the amazing extent of its influence, being felt nearly at the same time in distant counties, we may venture to conclude, that the like has not happened for many years. Let us not, however, murmur at the decrees of the great Author of nature.—The day preceding the tempest, was sultry hot, and the air furcharged with sulphureous matter, which, had it not been rarefied and dispersed by the subsequent storm, might have proved fatal to some thousands of the inhabitants of this metropolis, and its environs.

In the course of the month, since their meeting in July, the Society at the Thatch'd-House have discharged 40 debtors, (who had 23 wives, and 71 children) from the several prisons in this metropolis, and one of the country gaols.

*Extract of a Letter from Newcastle;
Aug. 11.*

“ This is a jubilee day here, the town is all in an uproar; our free-men have won their trial, and defeated the magistrates entirely; nothing but Serjeant Glynn is to be heard in the streets. I wish their kindness and gratitude may not hurt him; it was with the greatest difficulty he could get to or from court, and has been dragged along the streets in his coach by the free-men, to his lodgings. He has done their business effectually, and they have agreed to have a print of him put up in every company's meeting-house in the town.”

Paris, July 24. The council of war held at Lisle, has condemned 33 officers of a regiment, for refusing to serve under a lieutenant-colonel placed over them. Some are to be broken, and sent to certain prisons for a number of years, and others for an indeterminate time. The major has been re-established; but the lieutenant-colonel is ordered under an arrest for three months, for presuming to compromise the authority which his majesty has placed in him. The above judgment, which carries with it no mark of ignominy, was sent before its publication to the Marquis of Monteynard, who immediately returned orders to the colonel, to dispose of the vacant employs, and particularly in favour of those who had not refused obedience; and the 17th instant judgment was executed, their employments given away in presence of all the troops at Lisle, and nineteen of the officers were immediately conducted to different prisons. Every one laments their hard fate, as they were all men of tried courage.

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Paris, July 30. The following humane action of the Archbishop of Bourdeaux, shews us, that there are still persons of the highest rank and fortune, who deign to look with compassion upon the poor and miserable. His Grace being informed, that the greatest distress reigned in Bourdeaux, on account of the scarcity of corn, in order to obviate this calamity as much as possible, he retrenched all the superfluities of his table, and has given an hundred crowns daily to the poor ever since.

Edinburgh, Aug. 6. We are informed, that not less than ten vessels have either already failed, or are engaged to sail this season, with emigrants for America, from Sky, the Long-Island, Glengary, Sutherland, Ross-shire, &c. — What a pity, that the industrious poor, who are the real support of the state, should thus be obliged, by the indolence and inhumanity of their governors, to seek employment and sustenance in far distant climes!

18th. A chapter of the order of the Thistle, was held at St. James's, with the usual ceremonies, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Northington was invested with the order of the green ribband, vacant by the death of the late Earl of Warwick.

The King of Prussia has lately stopped a considerable quantity of planks, staves, &c. for which the British merchants at Dantzick had not only contracted, but even given earnest; nor have the warmest remonstrances on the part of the factory, been able to obtain any redress. Application has been made, and a memorial presented by the merchants of London to the ministry, but we do not hear whether they met with success.

They write from the Hague, that the States of Holland, Utrecht, and Guelders, have each of them voted his Polish Majesty a present of 2500 ducats, as a support during the infractions in his dominions.

In the violent storm of wind and rain last night and 19th. this morning, three large trees were torn up in Cold-Bath fields. The roof of a house was blown off in Shoe-lane, Fleet-street. More than 53 feet of the new brick-wall at the bottom of the King's-Bench walks, in the Temple, was destroyed. Two custom-house officers at Gravesend were drowned in endeavouring to board a ship that was passing by. An old house, the corner of Dobb's-court, Southwark, was thrown down, and a poor woman and two small children were buried in the ruins. And a sailing lighter being overset below bridge, Mr. James Moorsbey, a lighterman at Rotherhithe, and his apprentice, were drowned.

The waters were much out at Egham, and the people in general under great apprehensions for the wheat. From Lee to the Crays, and round about those parts, they were as high as the horses bellies in the road. Several stage coaches, which were to have been in town last night, did not arrive till this day at noon; and this morning most of the stages that go the north road, came back to their respective inns, being unable to proceed.

In Oxford, and its neighbourhood, the weather was so tempestuous, with a northerly wind, and the rains so heavy, that scarce any buildings were found to afford a sufficient shelter.

His Excellency Baron de Nolken, Envoy-extraordi- 21st.
nary from the court of Stockholm, was

was invested at St. James's, with the ensigns of the Swedish order of the Polar Star, sent over for that purpose by the King his master.

Authentic letters just received from Paris declare, that the Chevalier Grenier is going out with a small squadron from Brest to the East-Indies, upon a secret expedition. The above officer is just returned to France, from making a voyage into the Indian seas, in consequence of a proposal he made to the French ministry about three years since, the issue of which was, that he discovered a new passage from the isle of France to the coast of Coromandel and China, which shortened the voyage near 1000 leagues. This important circumstance was a short time since, by order of the French King, laid before the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris, the Members of which, after examining the Chevalier's journals, &c. gave it as their opinion, that his discovery would be of great utility in the nautical world, as the new rout was not only practicable during the latter monsoon, or from October to April, but that it was free from any remarkable danger, even if a large fleet should attempt it.

Letters from Moscow, of the 26th of July, brought the melancholy news of a dreadful fire, which happened the day before in that city. By a violent storm of wind, the flames spread a German mile round, and destroyed the most stately buildings and palaces of the nobility: the merchants escaped this calamity, the fire not extending to the quarter they inhabit.

Advice has been received at Lisbon, of an earthquake at Caracacao, in the Brazils, which overthrew

forty houses, and destroyed upwards of 400 people, chiefly Indians.

Extract of a Letter from Dublin, August 10.

“All the evils which Dean Swift predicted, now appear to have befallen this unhappy country: An empty treasury, a famished poor, and the staple manufactures of the kingdom declining apace. The spirit of emigration hath seized our people, and the several counties hitherto famous for the residence of the linen manufacturers, are now almost dwindled into dreary wastes. The land lies uncultivated, and notwithstanding the landholders have, by lowering the rents, tried to pacify the minds of the people, and induce them to continue at home, yet scarcely a vessel sails from Ireland, bound to any of the plantations, but what is filled with multitudes of useful artizans, their wives and children. It is to be hoped, that some method may be taken to put a stop to so alarming an evil; for if the number of inhabitants constitute the riches of a state, Heaven knows, Ireland will soon be the poorest country under the canopy of heaven!”

At 35 minutes past ten in the evening, was determined 24th. a match between Thomas Walker, Esq; of Mickleham, in Surry, and Capt. Adam Hay, for 400 guineas, which was won by the latter. Mr. Walker rode his own hackney, and Capt. Mulcaster rode for Capt. Hay. They set out at six on Monday morning from Portland-street, London, and the winner arrived at Ousebridge, York, in 40 hours 35 minutes. Mr. Walker's horse tired within 6 miles of Tadcaster, and it is supposed will die. They rode the first 90 miles in 6 hours. The winning

winning mare drank 12 bottles of wine during the journey, and on Thursday was so well as to take her exercise on Knavesmire. — There is no name disgraceful enough to characterize this sort of diversion.

Thirty poor housekeepers were entertained at Gunnersbury-House, the seat of the Princess Amelia, according to annual custom, and were afterwards dismissed with a guinea each, the usual bounty.

At a meeting of the commissioners for building a bridge at Richmond ferry, subscriptions were received to the amount of 12,000*l*. The whole expence of building the bridge is estimated at 25,000*l*. The proprietor of that ferry has offered to give up his right for the sum of 6000*l*. or an annuity of 220*l*. per ann. and if the commissioners give him the 6000*l*. he engages to subscribe the whole towards building the bridge.

By advices this day, it appears, that whilst the Chamber was sitting at Warsaw, on the trial of the Regicides, his Polish Majesty came into the court, and, being seated on the throne, interceded in the most pathetic manner, not only for the life of the man who saved him, and brought him back, but for all the others, representing them as the innocent victims of the infamous projects of their superiors, and being obliged to obey, at the risk of their lives, the orders of their commanders. Not satisfied with this step, which certainly does great honour to his Majesty's clemency, he spares no pains or arguments with the judges in their favour. As to his deliverer, there is no doubt of his escaping, in consequence of his Majesty's promise to

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him; but it is possible the Chamber may think it necessary to make, by the punishment of the others, a striking example of so dangerous and daring an attempt.

A letter received here from Petersburg mentions, that among the many useful establishments made by the Empress of Russia, one is, that of her having benevolently extended her aid to the most useful class of mankind, those who cultivate the earth. In the greatest part of the provinces of that empire, as well as in the neighbouring kingdoms, these poor creatures have no other habitations than wretched hovels, which are so low, as not to allow them room to stand upright, and are real scenes of wretchedness. Nothing is to be found in them, but a miserable kind of bed for the master; the rest of the family lay themselves down on banks raised with earth, — men, women, children, and cattle, all together. Her Imperial Majesty has given orders, that this class of her subjects shall be better accommodated, by building for them more commodious habitations.

Frankfort, July 17. According to the last letters from Petersburg, the Grand Duke of Russia made choice, the 29th of last month, of the Princess Wilhelmina of Darmstadt for his consort. The Grand Duke was born the 1st of October, 1754, and the princess was born the 25th of July, 1755.

We hear from Hamburgh, that the marriage of the Duke of Sodermania, brother to the King of Sweden, with the Princess Charlotte of Holstein-Eutin, daughter of the Duke of Steswick-Holstein-Eutin, Prince Bishop of Lubeck, is concluded.

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In Ireland, the revenue, in times of peace, used generally to exceed the provisions for the national establishment from 60 to 120,000*l.* in every two years. In the last year, ending the 24th of December, 1772, instead of a surplus, the deficiency, in one year only, has amounted to 93,000*l.* though the taxes, when compared with those laid on in 1762, should have left a balance in favour of government of 127,000*l.* per ann. or 254,000*l.* for the two years.

As the workmen were sinking a vault in Diss church, Norfolk, for Mr. Taylor, they discovered a stone coffin, in which were the bones of a person quite entire, and near the head was a pewter chalice, by which it is supposed it was a priest; he probably had been buried 4 or 500 years, as the metal was almost destroyed: about six feet south of this coffin, and at the depth of about five feet, they found two large urns, or pots of red earth, one holding fifteen pints, the other fourteen; there was nothing in them but black fœtid earth.—Blomfield mentions a stone coffin being found when Mr. Burton was buried in the north ayle of the chancel (or, as he calls it, the chapel of the Guild of Corpus Christi) in 1705, in which was a silver chalice, and which they buried again.

Three men and three women went to the Bell-inn in Edgbaston-street, Birmingham, and made the following singular entry in the toll-book which is kept there:

“ August 31, 1773. Samuel Whitehouse, of the parish of Willeshill, in the county of Stafford, this day sold his wife, Mary White-

house, in open market, to Thomas Griffiths of Birmingham, value one shilling.

To take her with all faults.

Signed, Samuel Whitehouse, and Mary Whitehouse.

Voucher, Thomas Buckley, of Birmingham.”

The parties were all exceedingly well pleased, and the money paid down, as well for the toll as purchase.

DIED lately, in Oxford-street, aged 81, Mrs. Ann Horthingby, for 38 years the widow of Mr. Horthingby, a native of Switzerland; since whose death she lived in a mean apartment, scarcely allowing herself the common necessities of life, clothed with rags, and almost eat up with vermin. On searching her room after her decease, which she had permitted no person to enter for the last nine years of her life, there were found in it bank notes and cash to the amount of 4000*l.*

At a village near Grantham in Lincolnshire, Mr. John Innis, a farmer, possessed of a fortune of 15,000*l.* who for many years past suffered his son to go as a labouring man to another farmer in the neighbourhood, but has now left him all his fortune.

Mr. Colemill, in Old-street, aged 83. He was much resorted to as a fortune-teller, by which he acquired upwards of 4000*l.*

At Stanton, in Cumberland, Mary Smith, aged 104, who was spinning but two hours before she died.

Thomas Garbut, at Hurworth, in Yorkshire, aged 101.

S E P T E M B E R.

1st. This day a duel was fought between Mr. Scawen and Mr. Fitzgerald, near Lisle, in the Austrian dominions, in which neither of the gentlemen received any hurt. Mr. Fitzgerald fired two pistols, one by design, and one by accident. Mr. Scawen fired one in the air, who making some slight apology for the cause of the duel, the parties were reconciled this night, and returned highly satisfied with the issue of the unlucky affair between them.

John Challoner was executed at Stafford, for the murder of his own father.—The circumstances were: The father and the son, who were both labourers, were at work in a wood near Stone, in Staffordshire; and upon some words arising between them, the son threw a small iron pot at his father's head, and one of the feet entering his skull gave the mortal wound, of which he languished but a few days, and then expired. The above criminal, in a quarrel he had with his wife some time ago, killed a young child she had in her arms, by unfortunately receiving a blow he aimed at his wife.

6th. The royal regiment of artillery had a great field-day on Woolwich-common, after which several experiments were made on grape-shot, one of which was of a most extraordinary nature, from a gun invented by General Desaguliers, which was fired against a long target of wood; it kept a continual firing whilst the regiment marched 150 yards, in which time it put 800 shot through the target, at the distance of 400 yards, having fired 24 times in a minute. This

is justly looked upon as the greatest improvement ever made on cannon since the first invention.

This morning Elizabeth Herring, who was convicted 13th. last Friday at the Old-Bailey of the wilful murder of her husband, (who plied as a waterman at Wapping-stairs) by stabbing him with a case-knife in the throat, in a quarrel while they were at dinner at a public-house in King-street, Wapping, was carried on a sledge, drawn by four horses, from Newgate to Tyburn. She confessed that her husband died by the wound she gave him in her passion, to which she was very subject; but declared she had no intention of murdering him, and seemed to be entirely resigned to her unhappy fate.—The method of executing this unfortunate woman was as follows: She was placed on a stool something more than two feet high, and a chain being placed under her arms, the rope round her neck was made fast to two spikes, which being driven through a post against which she stood, when her devotions were ended, the stool was taken from under her, and she was soon strangled. When she had hung about fifteen minutes, the rope was burnt, and she sunk till the chain supported her, forcing her hands up to a level with her face, and the flames being furious she was soon consumed. The crowd was so immensely great, that it was a long time before the faggots could be placed for execution.

It was computed that there were above 20,000 people to see this melancholy spectacle, many of whom were much hurt, and some trodden to death in gratifying a barbarous curiosity.

15th. The sessions ended at the Old-Bailey. At this session fifteen prisoners received judgment of death, forty were sentenced to be transported for seven years, six ordered to be privately whipped, two to be publicly whipped, and fifty-five were discharged by proclamation.

Among those capitally convicted, were William Davidson, for a most impudent robbery in the chambers of Richard James, Esq; in the Temple. This fellow used to shave Mr. James, and knowing that he was out of town, he got access by means of a false key, and taking a broker with him, personated Mr. James, and sold his goods.—William Cox, for stealing bank notes, value 400l. from John Kenrick, a dealer in horses for the French.—Francis Talbot, for breaking and entering the house of William Ewer, Esq; and stealing plate and bank-notes to a great amount.—And John Sterling, for forging the will of Elizabeth Shooter, with intent to defraud the South-Sea Company of 350l. He solemnly declared he intended to replace the money, and the jury recommended him to mercy.

This day Sir John Fielding informed the Bench of Justices, that he had last year written to Mr. Garrick concerning the impropriety of performing the Beggars Opera, which never was represented on the stage without creating an additional number of real thieves; he begged, therefore, the gentlemen present would join with him in requesting Mr. Garrick to desist from performing that opera on Saturday evening. The Bench immediately consented to the proposal; and a polite card was dispatched to Mr. Gar-

rick for that purpose. To which Mr. Garrick returned for answer, that his company was so imperfect and divided, (many of the performers being yet in the country) that it would be exceedingly inconvenient, if not impossible, for him to open with any other piece than that he had already advertised; but added, that he would for the future do every thing in his power to oblige them.

Rome, Aug. 17. Yesterday at night a detachment of Corsican soldiers went to each of the colleges and other houses of the Jesuits, with the following prelates, viz. Messrs. Macedonio, Alfani, Serfale, Zaccheri, Dionigi, Archetti, Riganti, Passionei, Foggini, and Della-Porta. The soldiers having taken post both within and without these respective houses, the above deputies assembled the community, and caused to be read to them, by the notaries nominated for that purpose, the brief which occasioned their commission, and the bull of their suppression. After which, they successively put the seal on the archives, chests of silver plate, and of provisions. They then left the soldiers in the said houses and colleges, to have an eye over those individuals, who in the space of eight days were to quit the habit of their order. The Jesuits commenced from this morning to give up their schools, and are no longer to exercise the functions of their ministry.

Aleppo, July 12. The last accounts from Bassora and Bagdad are very afflicting, as they mention that the plague has carried off 100,000 people in the former of those two places, and more than twice that number in the latter. The French consul at Bagdad, and the

the agent of the same nation at Bassora, and all the catholic priests, are among the dead. The English agent would most probably have died likewise, had he not gone into the country with many of his countrymen, several of whom, however, had the misfortune to fall into the hands of Kerim Kan, their enemy.

Dantzick, Aug. 30. The English merchants, to whom the Admiralty of Great-Britain had given permission to purchase timber and oak planks, have received advice, that many barks laden with the above commodities, in going down the Vistula, were stopt at Fordan, and conducted to Elbing, where the directors of the Prussian company paid the value to the proprietors. They continue to work with diligence in the yards of Konigsberg and Pillau, from which ports a considerable armament will be soon ready to put to sea. They have added to the above a Dutch frigate, purchased at this place. There are at Stetin seven frigates ready to put to sea, and they are at work on several others.

Paris, Sept. 6. On the 18th ult. one of the most violent thunder storms happened in the province of Bretagne in France, that ever was known there. It continued raining in torrents the whole day; but at midnight the elements seemed in one continued blaze, with thunder without intermission. Several bridges are broken down, causeways demolished, and many houses, mills, and other buildings, washed away. The bodies of 53 persons had been taken up, which had been brought down by the torrent, and the number of cattle lost is incredible.

The effects of the above storm

were equally severe at St. Malo's and its environs. The waters occasioned the greatest damage, and all the hopes with which they had flattered themselves of a plentiful harvest, have been lost by the inundations. The violence of the wind raised the waves of the sea to such a height, as to beat over the walls of the town. The ships and vessels that were moored, or at anchor, could not resist the impetuosity of the waves, but amidst the roaring of the wind, and most tremendous thunder and lightening, were driven against the rocks, and perished. The coast is since covered with wrecks.

Six persons convicted of promoting dissensions at St. Francois, in St. Domingo, and concerned in the late riots, (two of them considerable merchants) were privately executed in the Bastille the 14th instant.

Boston (New-England), June 28. Last Wednesday the Commons House of Assembly of this province, passed an humble petition and remonstrance to the King, praying that his Majesty would be pleased to remove from their posts in government, his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; Governor, and the Hon. Andrew Oliver, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor, by a majority of 82 to 12.

Warsaw, Aug. 22. Sentence was pronounced on the Regicides at Warsaw: two are condemned to lose their heads; the person who brought the King back, to be banished the country for ever; the others are condemned to perpetual imprisonment. Palawski, the promoter and instigator of the horrid attack, is condemned to be hanged in effigy, his coat of arms to be broken,

broken, himself declared infamous, and the name of the family to be changed. His Majesty's gracious intercession in their favour is supposed to have produced this mitigation of the punishment decreed by the law for attempts against the King's life.

His Majesty has ordered a monument to be erected to immortalize the memory of H. Butzau, the Hussar, who lost his life in defending his Majesty against the Regicides. The monument is to be of fine marble, on its head the effigy of the deceased, with an inscription in the Polish language to the following purport: "Here rests the body of H. Butzau, who died in defence of King Stanislaus Augustus. The curled arrows which were thrown by the infamous and wretched Regicides on the 3d of November, 1771, to pierce the heart of the King, he with pleasure received in his own breast; of the same wounds he died a most glorious death! for the welfare of his native country, and for the life of his Prince. His King laments in his death the loss of so loyal and so faithful a subject; and, to immortalize this noble deed, has erected this monument, as an instance of heroic virtue that ought to be remembered, to the honour of the deceased, by latest posterity.

SUMMER CIRCUIT.

At the assizes at Abingdon, five were capitally convicted, three of whom were reprieved before the Judges left the town.

At the assizes at Aylesbury, one of the Corbets, for the murder of Farmer Holt, was capitally con-

victed, and left for execution. He declared, the day before his death, that he only wished for liberty, to murder his nephew, who was evidence against him.

At the assizes at Bury, one received sentence of transportation for 14 years, and four for 7 years.

At the assizes for the town and county of Cambridge, two were sentenced for transportation.

At Carlisle assizes, one was capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Croydon, for the county of Surry, no less than 15 prisoners were capitally convicted, and five of them left for execution; a circumstance unequalled at that place within the memory of man. Field, otherwise Green, the highwayman, was capitally convicted. He would have pleaded guilty, but was dissuaded from it by the Judge.

At the same assizes, bills of indictment were found by one of the fullest Grand Juries ever known for that county against Hughes and Astley, for a variety of exhibitions near Black-friars and Westminster Bridges, without licence, and against law. The suppression of those nuisances was much commended by the gentlemen of the county.

At Durham assizes, Robert Monteath, for robbing Ann Maughan; and Joseph Coltman and Matthew Vasey, for robbing a Polish Jew, received sentence of death.

At the assizes for the Isle of Ely, at Wisbech, four were capitally convicted, three of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes at Exeter, three were capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Derby, none were capitally convicted.

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At the assizes at Coventry, Thomas Farn and John How were found guilty of the murder and robbery of Mr. Charles Pinchbeck, late keeper of the Toll-gate, at Binley-bridge, near Coventry. They have declared they did not intend murder; but, knowing the deceased to be a very resolute man, fired in order to intimidate him.

At the assizes for the county of Dorset, one was capitally convicted; but reprieved, and seven were cast for transportation.

At the assizes at Gloucester, George Giles, an Exciseman, for forging the hand of Mr. Price, supervisor, by which means he possessed himself of two several sums of money; and James Markey, for breaking into the house of John Wood, and robbing him of 40 guineas, received sentence of death. William Markey, concerned with his brother James, being ill, his trial was postponed to next assizes.

At Hereford assizes, four were capitally convicted. Joseph Oven was indicted for the wilful murder of his own mother, who had been a most tender and affectionate parent to him. On the 26th of May, in the morning, the father being gone from home, and no one left in the house but the deceased and her daughter about 13 years of age, the prisoner came into the house, and with a spade which he found there fractured his mother's skull in two places, of which she instantly died. It appeared in the course of the trial, that the prisoner had been long before in a state of insanity; and the strongest proofs of that fact being produced, the jury readily acquitted him of the charge of murder; but proper

directions were given to secure him, and to prevent other fatal effects of his phrenzy.

At the assizes at Hertford, six were capitally convicted; three of whom were reprieved.

At Huntingdon assizes, one was capitally convicted, but reprieved.

At Worcester assizes, Walter Kelson was capitally convicted, for the murder of Obadiah Rollason, and left for execution.

At Lancaster assizes, John Kay was capitally convicted, for breaking and entering the house of James Bentley, inn-keeper, and stealing 22*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

At the assizes for Somersetshire, six were capitally convicted.

At Leicester assizes, three were capitally convicted; but were all reprieved.

At the assizes at Northampton, three were capitally convicted.

At Nottingham assizes, none were capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Norwich, seven were capitally convicted, six of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes at Newcastle, three were capitally convicted.

At Oakham, the assizes proved maiden.

At Oxford assizes, one was capitally convicted.

At the assizes for the county of Northumberland, one was capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Southampton, one was capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Salisbury, six were capitally convicted, three of whom were reprieved.

On the Nisi Prius side at this assizes, a cause was tried concerning a bond of 300*l.* made upwards of 40 years ago, on which no interest had ever been paid or demanded.

The obligor and obligee had been dead a great number of years, and the plaintiff and defendant were heirs in the third generation. The bond was set aside.

At the assizes at Stafford, four were capitally convicted, one of whom was John Challenor, for the murder of his father, who was ordered for execution on the following Monday.

At Shrewsbury assizes, three were capitally convicted, one of whom was respited, and another reprieved.— At this assizes, came on the trial of Elizabeth Higgs, who had been servant to Counsellor Fleming, and was charged by the Coroner's Inquest with the murder of her said master, by poison; but after a trial of nine hours, she was acquitted.

At the assizes for the county of Sussex, at Horsham, three were capitally convicted, and left for execution. The case of Ambrose Cannon, one of these convicts, is remarkable, who was found guilty of being present, aiding and abetting Thomas Green, in the wilful murder of Thomas Cole. This murder was committed near 16 years ago, during Cannon's apprenticeship to the above Green, under whose immediate direction he acted. They both went abroad; but Cannon, after being absent thirteen years, ventured to return about three years since, when he settled at Haltings by another name, married, and has three children, whom with his wife, he has maintained in credit by his industry.

At the assizes at Warwick, eight were capitally convicted, seven of whom were reprieved for transportation, and only James Duckworth, capitally convicted, for counterfeiting and diminishing the gold

coin, was left for execution. This unhappy man strongly denies, with the most solemn asseverations, the fact for which he is to suffer. He was a very eminent hop-factor and grocer at Birmingham, and is supposed to be one of the heaviest men in the county, weighing upwards of 24 stone.

At Winchester assizes, five were capitally convicted, all of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes for the county of York, John Smith, found guilty of sheep-stealing, received sentence of death; but on Saturday he was found strangled in his cell, which he effected with a string that supported his irons.

Six men who were tried at York assizes, on suspicion of clipping and diminishing the gold coin, were all acquitted.

Mr. Wingfield, a farmer 16th, at Heston, was found murdered near the Hampshire-hog, on the Hammersmith road, with his skull fractured, and his pockets rifled of all their contents; one William Edwards White, a deserter from the Coldstream regiment, has since been apprehended, and upon the strongest evidence committed to Newgate, for being the murderer.

The three daughters of General Thomas kissed his Majesty's hand, at St. James's, on their having a stipend of 300l. per annum each allowed them by the government.

The charming Jenny, Chilcot, bound from Dublin port to Waterford, was wrecked near Holyhead, when every person on board, except the captain, perished, and the whole cargo, save one cask of Geneva, and two punchcups of rum, was lost.

lost. The neighbouring inhabitants, instead of assisting the unfortunate survivor, plundered whatever escaped the fury of the waves, even to cutting away the pockets from the captain's wife, whose corpse was driven ashore on that inhospitable coast.

17th. The Duke and Dutchess of Cumberland, the Hon. James Luttrell, Gen. Prevost, Col. Deaken, Col. Garth, &c. set out from Cumberland-House for Dover, to embark for Calais. Their Royal Highnesses travel through France and Italy as Earl and Countess of Dublin.

His Majesty has been pleased, by his warrant bearing date the 18th of August, 1773, to declare his pleasure, that the Captain-Lieutenants in the Royal regiment of Artillery, and Corps of Engineers, shall take rank in the army, as well as in their respective corps, as Captains of foot, from the 25th day of May, 1772, in the same manner as the Captain-Lieutenants in the infantry and cavalry.

Petersburgh, August 27. The ceremony of the intended Grand Dutchess's profession of the Greek faith was yesterday performed in the chapel of the winter palace. After abjuring her former religion, and making a short speech to the Archbishop of Petersburg, she was anointed by him according to the rites of the Greek church, and baptized into that faith, by the name of Natalia Alexiowna.

This morning she was betrothed to the Grand Duke in the chapel of the summer palace. This ceremony consisted in the exchanging of rings: these, having first had the benediction pronounced on them by the Archbishop of Peterf-

burgh, were delivered to the Grand Duke and Princess, and by them to the Empress, who, taking the Grand Duke's, presented it to the Princess, giving the Princess's to the Grand Duke in exchange: They then both kissed the Empress's hand. After mass was over (which was celebrated with great pomp and solemnity, on account of its being the festival of the holy-handkerchief, a great one in this church) the foreign ministers had the honour of kissing her Imperial Majesty's hand, and making their compliments to her: Soon after which her Majesty, attended by the whole court, proceeded to the great saloon, where she dined upon the throne with the Grand Duke and Dutchess, and was served on this occasion by the great officers of the household. The four first classes of the nobility dined at different tables in the same room, and the foreign ministers with the Vice-Chancellor at his house. In the evening there was a ball at court, and the gardens of the summer palace were finely illuminated, as was the whole town, and the ships in the river. It is scarcely possible to exceed the splendor and magnificence which appeared on this occasion.

Hague, August 27. A convention was concluded on the 28th of last month, between the States-General and the court of Versailles, for reciprocally exempting their subjects from the Droit d'Aubaine, similar to what that court has within these two years agreed to with many others of its neighbours.

Earl Ferrers arrived at Deptford in his yacht, from 20th, a cruize of about three weeks, which

which he took in order to make a trial of his new method of constructing ships; and we are informed, by a person who has conversed with one of the officers belonging to her, that nothing that ever was built answered all purposes so well, as they say she is not only a surprising fast sailer, but also carries her sail remarkably well, and has every good quality that a vessel can possibly have, in the utmost perfection, and more particularly in a large head sea. What (says our correspondent) is very extraordinary in this vessel is, that in turning up to the windward from the Downs to Blackwall, where she arrived on Sunday evening, she beat every vessel between three and four miles an hour, right in the wind's eye, though there were at least an hundred sail of vessels, of different sorts, coming up the river at the same time; and, what is still more extraordinary, though the wind all the time blew very fresh, and right down the river, yet on Saturday evening she turned up, from about two miles to the westward of the Isle of Sheepey, to the mouth of the river Thames, within four hours, against the ebb tide, though at the height of the springs, which it is imagined was never done before, nor can be done by any other vessel.

The Carcass bomb-ketch, commanded by Capt. Lutwich, which, together with the Sea-Horse bomb-ketch, commanded by Capt. Phipps, went at the end of the spring in search of discoveries into the Polar region, particularly to make astronomical observations under the Northern Pole, and to discover a Northern passage into the South Sea, or East-Indies, is arrived on

the English coast, and has landed a packet at Yarmouth to the Lords of the Admiralty, containing, amongst other advices, a journal of their voyage. It there appears, that they have miscarried in their design, from the great impediments and dangers that occurred from the floating ice in the Northern sea, in consequence of which, the voyagers have not been able to get nearer the pole than 81 deg. 39 min. They were several times so embayed in the ice, as to find their situation almost desperate, and were happy to get safe back into the open sea, after having made the strongest efforts, with the utmost risque, to perform their undertaking. They have not, however, sustained any considerable loss, the crews of both vessels being in perfect health, owing most probably to the extraordinary precautions taken in that respect. The Carcass parted from the Sea-horse about ten days ago, and it is presumed she may by this time have reached the mouth of the river, though no advice had been obtained from her on Sunday last.

A coal-pit belonging to Lord Cockran, near Edinburgh, 22d. overflowed with water, by which two men were drowned. His Lordship was at the mouth of the pit when the accident happened, and, being alarmed by a sudden noise, looked down, and saw the water rising with the greatest rapidity, and had scarcely time to save his life by flight, it having risen in a few minutes six feet above the mouth of the pit, and overflowed a great part of the adjacent country. It is not easy to account for this phenomenon. Had it been highwater when the inundation happened,

happened, as the pit is near the sea, the fullness of the tide might have been assigned as a reason; but it was low ebb, and, when the tide returned, it subsided.

Two men belonging to Mr. Cooke's brew-house, at Newport, in the Isle of Wight, attempting to go down a ladder into a large store-cask, in order to clean it, were immediately suffocated, notwithstanding no beer had been therein for near four months past. Another man, in endeavouring to get them out, was very near sharing the same unhappy fate, but a precaution having been taken to tie a rope round his body, he was, on falling, immediately drawn up, though it was several hours before he recovered.

A counsellor of the old Parliament of France, travelling lately through the Limosin, met with a man of 114 years of age, who complained of wanting work: he was a shoemaker by trade. The Counsellor desired him to procure the register of his birth, which he sent to the Comptroller-General, and the King being informed of it, his Majesty hath given this old man a pension which will make him easy for the remainder of his days.

24th. Ibrahim Aga, ambassador from Tripoli, had his first private audience of his Majesty. He brought with him from the Dey of Algiers, six fine Arabian horses, and four mares, as a present to his Majesty.

A seizure, to the amount of 15,000*l.* and upwards, consisting of French silks and blond-lace, was made by Messrs Rouse and Tankard, riding officers, assisted by a party of dragoons, in a house at Horton, near Hythe, in Kent.

There was also a writ of 800*l.* issued from the Exchequer, on which the tenant of the house was made prisoner, and brought to Canterbury, where he gave bail, and was released. This is supposed to be the greatest seizure that has been made for many years.

DIED lately, at Gwyllgryth, in Glamorganshire, Mr. Lewis Evan Morgan, in the 98th year of his age. He has left the whole of his little fortune to an housekeeper who lived with him many years; and his will is nearly comprized in these words: "I give to my old faithful servant, Esther Jones, the whole that I am possessed of, either in personal property, land, or otherwise. She is a tolerable good woman, but would be much better if she had not so clamorous a tongue. She has, however, one great virtue, which is a veil to all her foibles—Strict honesty."

At Cloonterk, county of Mayo, in Ireland, John Jones, aged 102 years.

In Grub-street, Mr. Horton, who acquired a fortune of 2000*l.* by letting out wheel barrows, &c. to the poor.

Mrs. Mary Duff, of Edinburgh, aged 102.

At Gillingham, in Kent, Martha Collins, aged 102.

Captain Thomas Forbes, of Harwich, aged 102.

O C T O B E R.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, encouraged by the rapid increase of arts in this kingdom, to make that cathedral every way worthy one of the finest structures in the world, (by decorating its inside with paintings; and

and such other ornaments as are necessary to complete the original design of the architect), lately applied to the body of Royal Academicians for their superintendence and support. In consequence of this application (the subject being previously communicated to the members) there was a meeting of the whole of that body lately, at Somerset-house; when, after the president and several others had ably expatiated on the honour and utility deduced from so national and public-spirited a work, it was resolved, that six members should be forthwith appointed to carry the same into execution, each beginning with painting a picture agreeable to the design that may be hereafter agreed on. The following are the names of those appointed for this undertaking: Mrs. Angelica Cauffman, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sig. Cypriani, Mr. West, Mr. Dance, and Mr. Barry.

4th. On an oval tablet on the front of the sarcophagus of Gen. Wolfe's monument in Westminster Abbey, just opened, is the following inscription:

To the Memory of
JAMES WOLFE, Esq;
Major General and Commander in
Chief of the British Land Forces
On an expedition against Quebec,
Who,
Surmounting by Ability and Valour
All Obstacles of Art and Nature.
Was slain,
In the Moment of Victory,
At the Head of his conquering Troops,
On the 13th of Sept. 1759,
The King
And the Parliament of Great Britain
Dedicate this Monument.

6th. At the final close of the poll this day at Guildhall, for the election of Lord-Mayor for

the year ensuing, the numbers stood as follow:

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| Wilkes | 1683 | } 506 } majority. |
| Bull | 1649 | |
| Sawbridge | 1177 | |
| Oliver | 1093 | |

This day a serjeant of the third regiment of guards, who on Wednesday last was tried by a court martial for enlisting men for the government's service, and afterwards enticing them to enter into that of the French, and sentenced to be shot, was reprieved, and ordered to receive 900 lashes on the parade; a punishment thought by many more terrible than death itself.

Many scandalous representations having been circulated relative to the repairs of the harbour of Dunkirk, eight masters of vessels to that port have solemnly declared, that all the reparations which are carrying on there, are only on one side of the quay, where it was dangerous for merchant ships to lie: and that those reparations consist only in drawing out the old rotten piles, and replacing them with new, for the greater safety of trade, and for no warlike purpose or defence whatever.

On the 10th of last month, Lukawski and Cybulski, the two regicides condemned at Warsaw to be beheaded, were executed. They were brought to the place of execution the same way they had obliged the King to go in the night of the 3d of November, escorted by all the guards of the crown, and a strong detachment of Uhlans: they were both dressed in white, went in separate waggons, and two Capuchins with them. In a third waggon were Kosinski, Offenbergh, and Pesinski, who, with Lukawski's wife, were all to be present at the execution,

execution. Kofinski was in tears all the way he went. Lukawski ascended the scaffold first, with great fortitude, and, to the astonishment of every body present, made a very affecting speech, wherein he confessed his guilt, and hoped for pardon; after which he sat down on the chair, and would have nothing tied over his eyes, but holding his head as upright as he could, gave the signal for the blow, which followed immediately; after which, his hands were cut off, his body opened, and the inside put in a bag, then quartered and burnt. Cybulski, who was obliged to be a spectator of all this, then mounted the scaffold, and sat down in the chair, where his head was likewise taken off, and his body suffered to be buried. The executioner, who was sent for out of Ermeland, made a speech to the people, and particularly addressed himself to the elder part of the spectators, advising them to be careful so to bring up their children, that they might never come to the unhappy end of the late unfortunate wretches, whom he had just executed.

On the 13th. ult. the Emperor arrived at his palace at Schonbrun, near Vienna, from Poland.

The Emperor is said to have travelled on horseback, on his late tour, above 700 German miles, eating only once in the evening of each day, of such food as he found where he stopt, and slept on a straw-bed, covered only with his cloak.

The 66th regiment of foot, commanded by Lord Adam Gordon, is just returned from Jamaica, where it has been stationed nine years, and is ordered to Berwick upon Tweed. The above regiment has

been three times recruited since it left England; and, including officers and private men, there are only 15 out of 550 that have lived to return to their native shore.

A bailiff and his follower, being employed to arrest a 9th. Portugueze gentleman, entered his apartments at Rotherhithe, and making him acquainted with the business they came about, he went to his bureau, in order, as they supposed, to pay the money; but, taking out a long knife and a pistol, he locked the door, and obliged them both to jump out of the window. The bailiff received little hurt, but his follower broke his thigh; and the Portugueze immediately absconded.

A bargeman was shot dead in an attempt to rob the henhouse of farmer Steward, of Old Windsor. He has left a wife and three small children.

As the workmen were lately digging for the foundation of a new vault, in the chancel of the church at Chertsey, in Surry, for Sir Joseph Mawbey, they discovered a leaden coffin, in which was deposited the body of a woman, in the highest state of preservation. The face of the corpse appeared perfectly fresh, and the lace of the linen about it seemed sound, notwithstanding it must have been buried many ages. As the church is a very ancient structure, and built with the abbey in the time of the Saxons, some people suppose the body may have lain there before the Norman conquest. The coffin was opened in digging, from whence issued many gallons of a liquid, in smell not unlike oil: this liquid probably preserved the body from putrefaction. The corpse was immediately deposited

deposited in another part of the chancel, to the great regret of some ingenious gentlemen, who wished to have examined the nature and effects of a composition that seems unknown to the moderns. There was no inscription to be met with that discovered the name of the person interred.

On the 18th past, was executed at Penfarn, in Carmarthenshire, for a robbery on the highway, William Thomas, who was one of the persons concerned in the murder of Mr. Powell, and was an evidence against those who suffered for that atrocious crime.

Messrs. Wilkes and Bull were this day returned to the Court of Aldermen by the Sheriffs, as having the majority of votes for serving the office of Lord-Mayor; when the number of aldermen who scratched for each being equal, it was decided in favour of Alderman Bull, by the casting voice of the present Lord-Mayor, who had upon this occasion two votes.

The Aldermen scratched in the following manner:

| For WILKES. | For BULL. |
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| Stephenson | Bankes |
| Sawbridge | Kennett |
| Hopkins | Esdaile |
| Plomer | Oliver |
| Thomas | Trecothick |
| Bull | Alsop |
| Lewes | Townsend |
| Crosby | Wilkes |
| Turner | Plumbe |
| | LORD MAYOR. |

They write from Paris, that on the 24th of last month the Sieur d'Agay, intendant of Picardy, had the honour to receive the Duke and Dutches of Cumberland at St. Quintin; and as their Royal Highnesses examine every thing re-

markable on their route to Italy, he conducted them to the subterranean canal of communication now carrying on between the Somme and the Escaut, in order to unite those two rivers. After viewing it, they expressed great astonishment, as it seemed an undertaking superior to any attempts of the like sort made by the ancient Romans. The letter adds, that the Duke and Dutches travel *incog.* under the titles of Count and Countess of Dublin, and desire that no public honours may be shewn them.

The body of a man quite patried, was taken out of a parlour chimney, at Mr. Douglas's, in Mount-street, Grosvenor-square. The family had been out of town some months, and on the maid's lighting a fire in the grate, it smoaked so that they were almost suffocated; a chimney-sweeper was then sent for, who found the obstruction. It is supposed to be the body of a person coming down in order to rob the house, but the chimney being narrow, he stuck in it.

Were interred, with a 19th. magnificence becoming his dignity, in the family vault at Holme-Pierpoint, in Nottinghamshire, the remains of his Grace the Duke of Kingston.

As some workmen were digging up the foundations of two old houses in Trinity-lane, they found a large quantity of the finest tallow melted into a mass, supposed to have lain there ever since the fire of London.

The cloaths of the late 20th. Diana Boswell, Queen of the Gypsies, value 50l. were burnt in the middle of the Mint, Southwark,

wark, by her principal courtiers, according to ancient custom ; it being too great an honour for subjects to be clothed in robes of state, and too great a disgrace for her successor to appear in second-hand royalty. Her remains were interred the day before in Newington church-yard, at which ceremony, more than 200 of her loyal subjects were present.

York, Oct. 12. Last Sunday morning a violent hurricane happened, which blew down the house of William Turton, of Marton lordship, near this city, and all the out-buildings were levelled quite to the ground. Six people were in the house, two of whom, the wife and son, were forced out of it, and terribly crushed : the other four were buried in the ruins, one of whom was unfortunately killed, but the rest are likely to do well. His corn-stacks were blown away, part of which were carried above two miles, and part dispersed so as not to be found. Several large trees were torn up by the roots, and carried to a great distance, and in a field adjoining, part of the corn was blown entirely away. Another person, at the same time, had his barn raised above two feet, which afterwards returned into its place again. All the household furniture belonging to William Turton was entirely destroyed, and himself, wife, and five children, are reduced to the greatest distress.

Petersburg, Sept. 10. On Wednesday last was exhibited here, before the Empress and the whole court, a representation of the taking of the fortress of Giurgewo. The siege was conducted in the regular forms by the train of artillery, under the direction of the grand

master Prince Orlov, assisted by the Preobrazinski regiment of guards. After a cannonade and bombardment of near two hours, during which time the regular approaches were made, the outworks of the fortress silenced, and a breach effected by the battering cannon, the soldiers were seen to mount to the assault, and the place surrendered. In the course of the siege, several mines were sprung, the magazines of powder in the place took fire, and no incident was omitted which could contribute to give the spectators a perfect idea of the manner in which such an attack is carried on. Afterwards a magnificent firework was played off on a stage built on the river for that purpose ; which concluded the entertainment of the day, at the whole of which, the Empress was pleased to express great satisfaction.

Yesterday her Imperial Majesty, attended by the court, went to hear solemn mass at the fortress of Petersburg, and to offer up her prayers for the souls of those killed in battle, which is an annual custom in time of war.

Rome, Sept. 12. The plate which has been taken out of the Jesuits churches, amounts to 6400 pounds weight, which has been all carried to the mount of Piety. The Chasubles, and other ornaments set with precious stones, are deposited at mount Cavallo. The congregation of Cardinals, deputed to examine the affairs of the Ex-Jesuits, continue their operations. The 9th instant they arrested the Abbe Catrani de Castilo, Arch-priest to the collegiate of St. Eustatius, in his own house, and sent him to the castle of St. Angelo the same night ; as was likewise the Abbe Comoli, Secretary

Secretary to the Abbe Ricci. The Ex-General's letter-carrier, who was imprisoned, is again set at liberty, after having been examined several times very strictly. The Abbe Granuzzi, who was arrested with his uncle the Abbe Stefanucci, is set at liberty, with orders, however, to leave this capital. It is assured, that the latter was not arrested for having set fire to the papers in the Germanic college, but because some symptoms of insanity were discovered in him.

Stockholm, Sept. 14. The crop of corn in this country, has turned out so abundant this year, that the price is already fallen 50 per cent.

Leipsick, Sept. 18. The villages of Putschwitz, Kleinbautzen, Walfwits, Gleinen, and Kannewits, at about a mile distant from Bautzen, are reduced to a most deplorable state by the ravages of the field mice, who have devoured all the productions of the earth. Besides the above, a species of frogs, different from those in the marshes, have caused great damage among the hemp; and what is most remarkable, none of these destructive creatures, have been met with any where else in the Margraviate.

25th. William Edwards White, was this day executed at Tyburn, for the murder of farmer Wingfield. He behaved in a very hardened and impenitent manner, refusing to join in prayers; and, though he acknowledged the robbery, he denied the murder. It is remarkable, that on the day of his Majesty's accession to the throne, in 1760, a man was hanged for murder at the end of Bow-street.

In this time of general distress in Scotland, the Earl of Broadalbane has remitted, for his poor tenants,

three years rent, and to make every thing as easy to them as possible, he has set out for Scotland, in order to be upon the spot, and hear and redress their complaints.

The sessions ended at the 26th. Old-Bailey, when seven prisoners received sentence of death, one of whom, (Will. Edwards White, for the murder of farmer Wingfield) was executed yesterday, as mentioned above; thirty-five were sentenced to be transported for seven years, and four for fourteen years; five were branded in the hand, one of whom, (Joseph Wright, for coining a halfpenny), is to be imprisoned twelve months in Newgate; two were ordered to be privately whipped, and twenty-one discharged by proclamation.

The workmen, in levelling a piece of ground for new buildings at Dunbar in Scotland, dug up 290 pieces of silver coin, mostly of Queen Elizabeth. They are supposed to have been buried by some of Oliver's men, before the battle of Dunbar in 1650.

A barbarous murder was committed near Bradford, in Wilts, on Adam Truſtley, by his son-in-law, who cleaved his skull with a stone, for interposing in a quarrel between him and his wife. The murderer was immediately seized, and committed to Salisbury-gaol.

The five following male- 27th. factors were carried in two carts from Newgate, and executed at Tyburn: in the first, Thomas Ashby, and Edward Lundy M'Daniel, for burglary in the house of Mr. Edmund Bailey, in Oxford-street, and stealing a quantity of plate; in the second cart, William Cox, for stealing bank notes and cash, to the amount of 440*l.* the property

property of Mr. Kenrick, at his apartments in Oxford-street; Emanuel Peele, for breaking into the house of William Bakewell, Esq; in Jermyn-street, and stealing a great quantity of plate, &c. and John Sterling, an attorney, for forging a will, purporting it to be the will of Elizabeth Shooter, with an intent to defraud the South-Sea Company of 350l. Their behaviour in general was decent: Sterling was remarkably penitent. Just before Cox was turned off, Mr. Toll, who acted as ordinary, with a loud and distinct voice, acquainted the spectators, "that William Cox begged their prayers; that he owned he committed the fact for which he was going to suffer, and hoped that God would receive his soul." The two sheriffs and under-sheriff attended the execution on horseback, and two persons, cloathed in black, with black staves, walked all the way before the prisoners to the place of execution, where they were allowed an hour and an half in their devotions, a circumstance not remembered for a great many years past. Hearses attended to take away the bodies of Sterling and Cox. The concourse of people was greater than has been known for many years.—At the place of execution, Emanuel Peele, in the most solemn manner, declared the innocence of Francis Talbot, who is by his Majesty respited for seven days only.

The following were reprieved, viz. William Williamson, alias M'Kenzie, for stealing a pair of diamond ear-rings, in the shop of Mr. Farquharson, jeweller, in the Strand; Francis Simberlen, alias Simberel, for stealing a mare, the property of Mr. Howes; Philip

Short, for robbing William Yeates on the highway, at Mill Hill; George Brown, for robbing Charles Jacob Sheffield, on the highway, near Knightsbridge, of a gold watch and some money; James Devereux, and William Hinds, for robbing Mr. Marsh on the highway, near Limehouse-bridge, of a quarter of a guinea; Samuel Marriot, concerned with Emanuel Peele, (mentioned in the preceding article) in breaking into and robbing the house of William Bakewell, Esq; and Robert Walker, for returning from transportation before the expiration of his time; he is now to be transported for life.

DIED lately, the Rev. Mr. Luke Imber, aged 90, at Christchurch, in Hants, and one of his Majesty's justices of the peace for that county. Though he possessed a genteel income, he affected the dress of the lowest indigence. At the age of 83 he married a country girl of 13. He desired, in his will, that he might be buried in an old chest, which he had for some time kept by him for that purpose; and that the bearers should have each of them a pair of tanned leather gloves, and a new pair of shoes, which were given accordingly.

Mrs. Hatton, in the 105th year of her age, at Brainsford, in the parish of Killcoo, near Castlewel-lan, Ireland.

Mrs. Leavefield, an English lady, aged 107, at Bolonia, in Italy. She went over from England at the age of 15. It is said she has died immensely rich, and has left great part of her money to convents. She has left 15,000l. to one John Leavefield, who went as a common soldier to the East-Indies eleven years ago.

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At Chesterfield, aged 107, Mr. Andrew Eckstain.

At Ashborne, in Derbyshire, Ellen Hitchcock, aged 118.

At Deptford; Mrs Rebecca Widmear, aged 115.

NOVEMBER.

1st. The coroner's inquest sat on the body of Philip Avenal, who died in Worcester gaol of the gun-shot wounds received from farmer Edward Newland, of Hurstley, about one o'clock in the morning, after he had committed a felony, and refused to surrender; they all unanimously brought in their verdict, Justifiable Homicide, agreeable to the opinion of the late Serjeant Hawkins, folio 70, being a settled point in law, That, if a person, having actually committed a felony, will not suffer himself to be arrested, but stands on his own defence, or flies, so that he cannot possibly be apprehended alive by those who pursue him, whether private persons or public officers, with or without a warrant from a magistrate, he may be lawfully slain by them. The poor man was attended by an able surgeon and physician, and every proper method was made use of for his recovery.

A letter from Orkney gives the following account of an extraordinary escape of six persons in the North-sea.—“Some time ago the ferry-boat, which plies from the island walls across the Pentland Frith, in her way from Caithness lost her course, occasioned by thick weather, too much of an ebb tide, and a strong gale of wind from S. E. They did not perceive their mistake for some time; but not see-

ing the opposite shore in an hour more, they began to be very uneasy. The fog still continuing, and the gale increasing, they were obliged to put before the wind, and were drove into the North-sea, which ran so very high, that it was with the greatest difficulty they could keep their small yawl from being overset. Such was their melancholy condition for two days, when happily they were discovered by a jagar coming from Iceland with fish. By this time the wind had abated, and the weather was clear. The jagar was commanded by Capt. Peter Pahvis, belonging to Maesfluice in Holland, who took the men on board, put them into warm beds, and treated them with every degree of care and humanity. He took their small shallop upon deck, and three days afterwards landed them on the south part of Shetland, and at the same time furnished them with money, tobacco, and provisions, sufficient to carry them to their own homes. It appears by a certificate which this humane Dutchman sent along with them, that they were 55 leagues N.W. from Orkney, and 16 leagues W. S. W. from the Faro islands, when he fell in with them. There were six men in the boat, without any nourishment, (not even water) without a compass, or the least knowledge of navigation: so that their deliverance was effected by the only means, which, in all human appearance, could possibly have happened for their preservation.”

The 10th of October being the day appointed for the celebration of the marriage of his Imperial Majesty, the Grand Duke of Russia, with the eldest Princess of Hesse-Darmstadt,

Darmstadt, the four first classes of the nobility assembled in the Casan-Church, at Petersburg, the streets of which were lined with guards, and some regiments of foot. About noon, upon a signal being given, the procession set out from the winter palace, and proceeded to the church, in the centre of which, was a throne richly decorated for the Empress, and on the right-hand a gallery for their Imperial Highnesses, and their royal attendants; and on the left, another for the foreign ministers. The body of the church was filled with the four first classes of nobility. The Archbishop of Petersburg performed the marriage ceremony, and afterwards preached a sermon suitable to the occasion. The conclusion of the whole was proclaimed by a running fire of the musketry, and the procession returned in the same order in which it came. The festivities on this occasion, were continued from the 10th to the 21st, with only three days intermission.

The Duke and Dutchess of Cumberland arrived at Strasburgh, on the 5th ult. when Marshal de Contades being indisposed, the Baron de Wurmser, Inspector-General of the foreign troops, was charged to do all the honours, and order all amusements which they were willing to accept. The next day his Royal Highness was on the parade, and in the evening with his Dutchess at the comedy, ordered on purpose to entertain them; after which they supped with the Baron, who had invited the principal persons in the place to be present. On the 7th, the Duke waited on Marshal Contades, and informed him how much he interested himself in the restoration of his health. In

the evening, they were again at the comedy, and afterwards accepted of the invitation of the Sieur Blair to sup with him. The 8th Baron Wurmser drew up all the foreign troops of the garrison to perform their manœuvres before their Highnesses, after which the Baron again entertained them with a magnificent supper. The 9th, all the troops were drawn up, and lined the streets from their lodgings to the gate from whence they went out, at ten in the morning, and rested in the evening at the castle of Olwillar, where Count de Waldner had the honour to receive them; and next morning they set out for Basle, to continue their rout. When they left Strasburgh, they were saluted by all the cannon on the ramparts, and detachments of the Corsican legion accompanied them as far as Kerich.

In Bow-street, W. Kidwell, 3d. coach-carver, charged a woman, who calls herself the Honourable Elizabeth Harriet Greeve, with defrauding him of 36l. on pretence of procuring him the place of clerk of the dry stores in the victualling-office:—William Kent, of Streatley, in Berks, charged the same woman with defrauding him of 30l. in cash, and obtaining his conditional bond for 230l. more, which was to be the consideration-money for her procuring him the office of a coast-waiter, and, in consequence of a letter from the prisoner, Mr. Kent quitted his business in the country, and brought his wife and three children to London. —Eliz. Cooper charged this offender with defrauding her husband of 62l. on a similar pretence; in consequence of which he died of a broken heart. Mrs. Greeve was to

have procured the place of a settled-tidesman for Mr. John Smith, who paid his money to the deceased Mr. Cooper, for the prisoner's use; and Smith owes his ruin to this transaction. Mr. James Tiley, who had retired from business, advertised for a place, the employment of which might fill up his leisure hours. Mrs. Greeve answered his letter, and he was likewise to be provided for; but it ended only in his losing 10l.—Francis Crook, who acted as an agent for the prisoner, at a time when he did not know she was an impostor, deposed, that he had agreed for the sale of many places with the people whom he took to his millrefs, who received and kept the advance-money. Some of the above-named parties, would probably not have fallen a sacrifice to her artifices, but that the sight of gilt chariots, almost perpetually at her door, seemed to confirm her account of her great interest and connections. She was first cousin to Lord North, second cousin to the Duke of Grafton, nearly related to Lady Fitzroy, and the intimate acquaintance of Lord Guilford, and the Honourable Charles James Fox; yet have all these noble alliances in blood and friendship vanished in a moment, and it appears that Mrs. Greeve was tried for a felony about two years ago, and sentenced to be transported.

6th. This day Sir Henry Banks, Knight and Alderman, was elected President of Christ's-Hospital, who being then at the treasurer's house, was waited upon by Mr. Harley, and Sir James Esdaile, and being by them introduced into court, had his charge read to him; after which Sir Henry

Banks addressed the court on the honour he had received, and then the Lord Mayor quitted the chair.

The report was made to his Majesty in council, of 10th. the convicts under sentence of death in Newgate; when the two following were ordered for execution; viz. Holdsworth Hill, for breaking open and robbing the house of Mr. Parker in the Rolls-buildings; and James Childs, for robbing Samuel Lamb, in Hackney road.

The following were reprieved, viz. Richard Bradley, for a burglary in Cow-cross; and Thomas Keatley, Thomas Hall, and Robert Rivers, for stealing a sheep from Stepney-fields.

About one o'clock at 16th. noon, a most violent hurricane happened at Oxford, which greatly damaged several of the public buildings: the beautiful church of All Saints, in the High-street, was totally unroofed, and many tons of lead blown a considerable distance in the street: the stone balustrade all thrown down by the violent gusts of wind. The storm came very suddenly from the north-west, and did not last twenty minutes: happily no lives were lost.

This day the Dutchy of Holstein was, by the Grand-Duke of Russia's principal commissary, transferred to his Danish Majesty, with all the rights, privileges, and territorial sovereignties thereunto belonging.

They write from Abbeville in France, that a terrible accident happened there on the 2d instant, a holiday called All Souls. In the afternoon the powder magazine blew up, which destroyed about 100 houses, and it is supposed that no less than 120 people were killed

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or wounded. The commotion all over the town was so violent, that every house suffered more or less. It is supposed that the imprudence of one of the workmen about the magazine, occasioned this sad catastrophe. The whole loss is computed at above a million of French livres.

18th. Mr. Macklin, who had attempted the character of Macbeth, at the theatre in Covent-Garden, having given offence to the town, by some hasty accusations, without sufficient proof, against two or three brother-players, for interrupting him in his performance, was discharged from that theatre, by order of a numerous audience, assembled, as it should seem, for that purpose. On the curtain being drawn up, the cry was, *No Macklin!* and it increased so much, that, to prevent the house from being pulled to pieces, the managers complied with their desires, and publicly discharged him; after which, there being no play ready, the money was returned, and the people dispersed.

24th. This day the arguments on the motion for a new trial, in the cause of Fabrigas against General Mostyn, came on in the Court of Common-Pleas, at Westminster-Hall. Mr. Serjeant Glynn made a very able speech on the part of Mr. Fabrigas, and Mr. Serjeant Davy was heard in support of the motion, as counsel for General Mostyn. The further hearing of the debate was adjourned. The principal question was on the point of excessive damages; for the court were unanimously of opinion to refuse a new trial. The bill of exception tendered by the counsel

for General Mostyn remains to be considered in another court.

Holdsworth Hill, and James Child, were executed at Tyburn, pursuant to their sentence.

This day came on at Guildhall, the election of a 27th. representative in parliament for this city, in the room of Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knight, deceased. The candidates were, Mr. Alderm. Bull, (the present Lord-Mayor) and Mr. Roberts, formerly a director of the East-India company. Upon the shew of hands, the majority was for Alderman Bull, and accordingly the sheriffs declared, that the election was in his favour. But the friends of Mr. Roberts having demanded a poll, books were opened for that purpose, the event of which is yet uncertain.

An account is received from New-Spain, that the city of Guatemala was, in October last, entirely swallowed up by an earthquake, and that many thousands of the inhabitants perished.—Those who escaped are in the utmost distress.

Orders were lately dispatched from Vienna, for raising 50,000 recruits in Hungary.

Osnabrug, Nov. 2. The King of England, as tutor to the Bishop of Osnabrug, his son, has ordered the chapter of our cathedral to put in execution the Pope's bull, which suppresses the order of the jesuits; to employ the effects of that order in useful foundations, and to send his Majesty an account how they have disposed of the money.

Munich, Nov. 9. A fresh and severe edict against duelling has been published here; according to which, the parties and their se-

conds, though none of them should happen to be wounded, shall suffer death, and their bodies be buried in the place where criminals are executed.

The parish officers of Hammer-smith, having a warrant to seize at a gentleman's house, for non-payment of the rates, were resisted in the execution of their duty by a maid-servant, who, being brought before the bench of justices, was by them committed to Newgate. The gentleman being informed of what had happened, armed himself with a brace of pistols, and went to the office where the justices were then sitting, and asked which of them dared to commit his servant to prison? Mr. Miller smilingly replied, *I dared*. On which the gentleman fired one of his pistols, and shot Mr. Miller in the side, but it is thought not mortally. He was instantly secured, and committed to Newgate.

29th. About ten minutes after twelve, in the dead of night, Mr. Powell set off from Hicks's-Hall, in St. John's-street, Clerkenwell, to walk to York and back again in six days. York is distant from London 201 miles, 70 of which make a degree of latitude.

The King has been pleased to appoint Lewis de Visme, A. M. at present his Majesty's minister plenipotentiary to the Elector of Bavaria, and minister to the diet of Ratisbon, to be his Majesty's Envoy-extraordinary at the court of Sweden, in the room of Sir John Goodricke, Bart. who has obtained his Majesty's permission to resign.

30th. Being St. Andrew's day, the Royal Society held their anniversary meeting, at their house in Crane-court, Fleet-street, when

the president, Sir John Pringle, Bart. in the name of the Society, presented the gold medal, called Sir Godfrey Copley's, to the Rev. Joseph Priestley, LL. D. for his excellent paper on the different kinds of air. The president delivered an elegant oration on the nature and utility of Dr. Priestley's researches in general: and particularly on the discoveries contained in the above-mentioned paper. The Society also elected by ballot, their council and officers for the ensuing year.

DIED lately, at Northaston, in Oxfordshire, aged 87, Bernard Gates, Esq; senior gentleman of the royal chapels, tuner of the royal organs, and the oldest member of Westminster-Abbey.

At Parsons-green, aged 77, Mrs. Richardson, widow of the author of Pamela, Clarissa, and Sir Charles Grandison.

Rev. Francis Gresby, Rector of Strensham, Worcestershire, aged near 100.

At Seven-Oaks, in Kent, Mr. John Hamilton; aged 101.

Mrs. Eleanor Spicer, aged 121, at Acomack, in Virginia, who retained her senses, and worked at spinning till within six months of her death; she never drank any kind of spirituous liquors.

At the Hague, Solomon Connanel, a jew, aged 109 years eight months.

DECEMBER.

This day the long contested point, whether the 3d. owner of a lodging house, or landlord, can stop goods for rent before it becomes due, was determined, in the court of Common Pleas, in favour,

favour of the tenant or lodger. The Lord Chief Justice, in giving his charge to the jury, observed, that the law was very favourable to landlords, by having provided two remedies; first, in enabling them to pursue the goods for forty days after the rent became due; and secondly, in empowering them to proceed criminally in case of an intended fraud.

4th. The poll for a representative in parliament for the city of London, in room of Sir Robert Ladbroke, deceased, finally closed, when the numbers were,

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| For Mr. Bull, | 2695 | } Majority. |
| Mr. Roberts, | 2481 | |
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A scrutiny has since been demanded by Mr. Roberts.

This evening, at half past six o'clock, arrived at Hickes's-hall, on his return from York. Mr. Powell, who set out from the same place on Monday, and at the above time, to the astonishment of every body, returned to London. It is imagined there were three thousand people on foot, horseback, and in different carriages, attended him from Highgate, accompanied with French horns, and near an hundred links.

The following are the particulars of Mr. Powell's extraordinary journey, as given by himself:

"I set out from Hicks's-hall, London, on the 29th of November, 1773, about twenty minutes past twelve o'clock in the morning, for a wager of 100 guineas, which I was to perform in six days, by going to York, and returning to the above place. I got to Stamford about nine o'clock in the evening of that day.

"November 30, set out from Stamford about five in the morning,

and got to Doncaster about twelve at night.

"December 1, set out from Doncaster about five in the morning, and got to York at half past two in the afternoon. Departed from York about six the same afternoon, and got to Ferrybridge about ten that night.

"December 2, set out from Ferrybridge at five in the morning, and got to Grantham about twelve at night.

"December 3, set out from Grantham at six in the morning, and got to the Cock at Eaton about eleven at night.

"December 4, set out from Eaton, the 6th and last day, about four in the morning, and arrived at Hickes's-hall about half an hour past six in the evening."

What renders this exploit still more amazing is, that Mr. Powell set out in a very indifferent state of health, being compelled, from a pain in his side, to wear a strengthening plaister all the way. His appetite was moreover very indifferent, the accounts in the papers being extremely erroneous, and generally misrepresented; for his most frequent beverage was either small beer or water; and the refreshment he most admired was tea and toast and butter.

This evening Miss Charlotte Buckworth, daughter 5th. of Sir Edward Buckworth, Bart. immediately entering the drawing-room at Dr. Baker's, in Jermy-street, on a visit, apparently in perfect health, fell down, and died instantly in the midst of a large company.

The foul air in an old 6th. waste of a colliery near the river Wear, in Yorkshire, took fire,

fire, and breaking down the barrier or partition between the waste and the working pit, made the most terrible explosions ever beheld. The pit is said to be eighty fathoms deep; and every thing in the way of the blast was thrown out at the mouth, to the estimated height of 200 yards in the air. Most of the pitmen, having just in time discovered the danger, were drawn up, and escaped unhurt; but some boys, and one man, who were left behind, lost their lives. Four horses were blown to pieces, and thrown to an astonishing height in the air. The explosions continued all that day; but the pit-men are since gone to work again, the danger being thought quite over.

11th. A duel was fought in Hyde-park, between Mr. Whateley, banker in Lombard-street, brother to Mr. Whateley, late secretary to the treasury, and John Temple, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of New Hampshire, when the former was dangerously wounded. The cause of quarrel was the discovery of the confidential letters written by Messrs. Hutchinson, Oliver, Paxton, &c. which were lately laid before the assembly at Boston, and have since been published in most of the London papers.

Since this duel was fought, the following information has been made public:

“ Finding that two gentlemen have been unfortunately engaged in a duel, about a transaction and its circumstances, of which both of them are totally ignorant and innocent, I think it incumbent on me to declare (for the prevention of farther mischief, as far as such a declaration may contribute to pre-

vent it), that I alone am the person who obtained and transmitted to Boston the letters in question, Mr. W. could not communicate them, because they were never in his possession; and, for the same reason, they could not be taken from him by Mr. T.—They were not of the nature of *private letters between friends*; they were written by public officers to persons in public stations, on public affairs, and intended to procure public measures; they were therefore handed to other public persons, who might be influenced by them to produce those measures: their tendency was to incense the mother country against her colonies, and, by the steps recommended, to widen the breach, which they effected. The chief caution expressed with regard to privacy was, to keep their contents from the colony agents, who, the writers apprehended, might return them, or copies of them, to America. That apprehension was, it seems, well founded; for the first agent who laid his hands on them, thought it his duty to transmit them to his constituents.

B. FRANKLIN, *Agent for the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay.*

Craven-street, Dec. 25, 1773.

This day the sessions ended at the Old Bailey; 14th, at this sessions, seven were capitally convicted, 27 were sentenced for transportation, seven burnt in the hand, ten privately, and one publicly whipped, and 43 were discharged by proclamation.

Among those capitally convicted, was Robert Johnson, for uttering a false and counterfeit draught for 22l. 10s. knowing it to be forged; and Robert Leigh, for uttering a forged

forged inland bill of exchange, purporting to be drawn by one James Elliott, on Messrs. Fludyer, Marsh, and Hudson, for 847 l. 10 s. payable to Sir James Ibbetson, Bart. with a counterfeit acceptance upon the same, with intent to defraud Messrs. Gines and Atkinson. This man had actually obtained the value in bank-bills; but not thinking them safe, he went to the Bank to change them into cash, but so drunk, that he could not tell the money, and was with much difficulty persuaded to leave it till another day, when he again returned, and was paid. But the fraud being presently after discovered, he was traced to his lodgings, and 650 l. of the money recovered. He had before this affair happened, preserved a very fair character.

In the dead of night, the house of Mr. Cooper, attorney in St. Albans, was robbed of money to the amount of 700 l. A few nights before, the church of Woodford, in Essex, was broke open, and the vestry-chest taken away, with all the communion-plate, &c.

15th. The grace for the reconsideration of the question of annual examinations in the university of Cambridge was voted in the non-regent house. Non placet 67, Placet 38.

At a general court of proprietors of East India stock, a set of instructions, for the better regulation of their affairs in India, framed by seven proprietors, of whom his Grace the Duke of Richmond was at the head, were presented and read. They consisted of 70 articles, 30 of which are directed to the establishment of a board of trade, and the remainder to that of an exchequer. It is thought by

those who are best acquainted with East India affairs, that the introduction of government officers, military and civil, among those of the Company, in that distant part of the world, will occasion so many superfluous, and so much animosity among our own people, as must, in the end, terminate in the loss of the territorial acquisitions of the company, and, by consequence, prove injurious to its commercial interests. Those, therefore, who are provident, are now selling out, foreseeing, that a company in the hands of servants, whose passions will naturally lead them to countermines each other, can never flourish.

This day a commission 20th. passed the great seal, authorising Simon Earl Harcourt to give the royal assent to a bill for laying a stamp duty on vellum, parchment, paper, &c. in Ireland; and to a bill for raising 265,000 l. by life-annuities, with benefit of survivorship, in that kingdom.

An inquisition was taken at Malvern, in Worcestershire, on the body of Edward Yeates, a parishioner of White Lady Aston, who was found dead in a ditch. It appeared on the inquest, that this man had resided at Malvern some time, under certificate, and, though in a starving condition, would not ask relief, lest he should be removed to his own parish. In his distress he frequented a turnep-field, and there subsisted till he was taken notice of by the owner of the turneps, who threatened to take him before a justice; upon which he disappeared, and was a short time after found dead, as above mentioned.

Extra

*Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth;
December 17.*

“ Yesterday arrived at Spithead, Admiral Greig, with five sail of Russian men of war, two of 74 guns, two of 64, and a frigate; and six sail of transports are hourly expected to join them, in order to proceed to the Mediterranean.

23d. This morning the scrutineers for the lord mayor and Mr. Roberts met at Guildhall. Mr. Roberts's scrutineers had retained Mr. Serjeant Davy and Mr. Bearcroft; but the sheriffs refusing to admit the interference of counsel, Mr. Roberts's friends would not proceed on the scrutiny, but left the hall, declaring that they should seek redress in another quarter. After this the sheriffs opened the court of hustings, and immediately adjourned to the court of King's Bench, where Mr. Roberts and his scrutineers were with the usual form called to attend to the scrutiny; but none of them appeared. Then the Lord Mayor and his scrutiners were called upon, who instantly attended; but Mr. Alderman Wilkes, in the name of the whole, said, that as Mr. Roberts's scrutineers did not attend, they should not offer any objections to any of his votes; upon which the sheriffs adjourned to the next day, and gave notice that they would then, at eleven o'clock precisely, declare the numbers upon the poll.

Whilst the late extraordinary expedition of Mr. Foster Powell to York and back again on foot within six days, excites the admiration of the public, it may not be amiss to recall to memory a surprizing performance on horseback, which is recorded in history to have been

done above a century and a half ago. It is mentioned in Drake's History of York, that one John Leyton, groom to King James the First, rode between London and York in one day, for six days together; he set out from Aldersgate the 20th of May 1606, and performed his journey each day before it was dark; the days at that time of year are about 16 hours long, so that he rode upwards of 12 miles an hour for 16 hours each day, for six days together. We many of us remember Cooper Thornhill's riding between London and Stilton three times within twelve hours, in the year 1745, being 222 miles in the whole, and 18 miles and an half in an hour for twelve hours together. It is left to the knowing-ones to determine which of these was the most extraordinary performance.

This day Hugh Elliot, Esq; had the honour to kiss 24th. the King's hand, on being appointed his Majesty's minister plenipotentiary to the Elector of Bavaria, and minister to the Dyet of Ratisbon, in the room of Lewis de Visne, A. M. appointed Envoy Extraordinary at the court of Sweden.

Paul Amfinck, of London, Merchant, is appointed Agent for the Hanse Towns of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh.

The Queen has been 29th. pleased to appoint the Earl of Guildford to be her Majesty's Treasurer and Receiver-General, in the room of Andrew Stone, Esq; deceased.

A new duty of ten per cent. has lately been imposed, by order of his Prussian Majesty, upon all sugars sent from Hamburgh into Saxony.

Saxony, Silesia, Bohemia, and Hungary, which is the more grievous to that city, as a great part of its poor were employed in the manufacture of that commodity, and a large commerce was carried on by way of the Elbe, by means thereof. The duty is collected at Magdeburg.

The barbarous custom of murdering as well as robbing travellers, which used to be peculiar to France and foreign countries, seems to gain ground in England. Mr. Bird, of Stonehouse, in Gloucestershire, was set upon by a villain, who first knocked him down, broke his arm, and afterwards cut his throat; but having missed his wind-pipe, he is likely to recover. The villain, however, touched with remorse, ran away without robbing him, and has since been taken, and confessed the fact. About the same time, a gentleman coming across Stepney-fields, was attacked by six ruffians, who robbed him of a considerable sum of money, and then most inhumanly murdered him. Three of the villains have since been taken, and committed to different prisons. Several other robberies, attended with murders, have been committed in the course of the month, most of them in the country.

Oldenburgh, Dec. 15. Yesterday the possession of the counties of Oldenburgh and Delmenhorst, which were lately ceded by the King of Denmark to the Grand Duke of Russia, were transferred on the part of his Imperial Highness to the Bishop of Lubeck.

Translation of a letter said to have been written by his Prussian Majesty to his agent at Rome:
"Abbé Colombini, You have my

authority to declare to every body, and to inform the Pope, or his Prime Minister, that my determination with respect to the Jesuits is, to protect them in my dominions, in the same manner as they have been hitherto. By the treaty of Breslau I guaranteed the religion, *in statu quo*, and I never met with better priests than the Jesuits. You may add, that, as I am of the class of heretics, his Holiness cannot grant me a dispensation for breaking my word, nor for deviating from the duty of an honest man, or a king.

Yours, &c.

(Signed) FREDERICK.

They write from Amsterdam, that upwards of 700,000*l*. Sterling, in money and jewels, private property, were lost on board the Dutch homeward bound East-Indiaman named the Antonietta, which foundered on her passage from the Island of Madeira.

Letters from Dantzick advise, that during the present unhappy situation of their affairs, great numbers of its inhabitants have left that place, and several merchants have retired to Stralsund, to accept the advantageous offers made by the King of Sweden to such merchants as will settle there.

By an exact account of the state of population in the several countries under the dominion of the King of Prussia, not including his late acquisitions in Poland, it appears, that during the last year the births amounted to 149,703, deaths 185,661, and marriages to 34,468.

By the same computation it further appears, that the territories comprised within this description, contain three thousand German leagues square; and that in the kingdom

kingdom of Denmark with Norway, and duchies of Schleswick and Danish Holstein, which are twice the extent of the former, the number of christenings in the same year were no more than 56,732, burials 62,600, and weddings, 8,752. On the whole it is therefore evident, that the King of Prussia's dominions are about six times more populous than those of his Danish Majesty.

DIED lately, at Huntly in Scotland, James Cruikshank, an errand-runner, and the most perfect miser upon earth. He never lighted fire or candle in his house, nor ever eat or drank therein, except what victuals he brought in his pocket from his last employer, and never bought a coat in his life. When death made his awful approach, with reluctance and difficulty, he pointed to the place where his gold lay. In a hole of the floor were 60 guineas, in another 40l. in silver, and in an old box, thrust into a third hole, were 60l. in silver. Besides the chief treasure, he had many halfpence, and only two bank notes, for he always abhorred paper-money.

At St. Ouen, near Compeigne, Peter Caffard, formerly farmer of the Ferry boat at Choisy, aged 98 years, leaving behind him 65 children and grand children. He always enjoyed a perfect state of health, and walked every day to mass almost to the last period of his existence.

In the town of Oldhorn, in the Province of Friesland, Fockje Joannes, a widow aged 113 years and 16 days. She was born the 11th of November 1660. She has been a widow ever since the year 1710, and never had but one child, a daugh-

ter, who now survives her. She all her days enjoyed a perfect state of health, and died in consequence of a seeming great cold at last.

In Lamb's Conduit-street, Thomas Pyke, Esq; many years consul at Tripoli, in Syria. He has left to most of the hospitals and public charities in and about London, 100l. each; also 100l. to the protestant schools in Ireland.

At Presbury, in Cheshire, Mr. Ralph, aged 103.

Mr. Hopley, hop-merchant, at Newnham, in Gloucestershire, aged 114 years.

A General Bill of all the Christenings and Burials, from December 15, 1772. to December 14, 1773.

| Christened | | Buried. | |
|------------|------|---------|-------|
| Males | 8549 | Males | 10839 |
| Females | 8256 | Females | 10817 |

In all 16805 In all 21656
Decreased in the Burials this year 4397.

Decreased in the Christenings 1111.

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|----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|
| Died under two years of age 6850 | | | |
| Between | 2 and | 5 | 1589 |
| | 5 and | 10 | 655 |
| | 10 and | 20 | 839 |
| | 20 and | 30 | 1953 |
| | 30 and | 40 | 2325 |
| | 40 and | 50 | 2306 |
| | 50 and | 60 | 2004 |
| | 60 and | 70 | 1524 |
| | 70 and | 80 | 1113 |
| | 80 and | 90 | 444 |
| | 90 and | 100 | 53 |
| | | 101 | 1 |

At Paris, Births 18847. Deaths 18518. Marriages 4810. Foundlings received in the Hospitals 5989. Decreased in the deaths this year

year 1856. Increased in the Births
134. Decreased in the Foundlings
1687. Increased in Marriages 199.

At Newcastle and Gateshead,
Deaths 596. Baptisms in the five
Parishes, 767. Decreased in Bu-
rials, 103. Increased in Christen-
ings, 77.

In the course of last year, 4872
ships have been cleared at the Cus-
tom-house, Newcastle, of which
4480 were coasters, and 392 for
foreign parts, which is 219 more
than were cleared out the year
preceding.

BIRTHS for the year 1773.

Jan. 19. At Copenhagen, Her
Royal Highness the Prin-
cess Louisa of Hesse, of
a Princess.

20. The Right Hon. Lady
Anne Simpson, of a
daughter.

Lady of the Hon. and
Rev. Mr. Harley, of a
son.

Lady Maria Carleton, of
a son.

27. Her Majesty, of a Prince.
Lady of Sir George Corn-
wal, of a daughter.

29. Lady of Sir Benjamin
Thomas, of a daughter.

Feb. —. Right Hon. Lady Hinch-
ingbroke, of a son.

12. Right Hon. Lady Bruce,
of a son.

Lady Harriot Butler, in
Portman-square, of a son.

16. The Lady of Sir Suffolk
Grant, of a daughter, be-
ing her 22d. child.

Her Grace the Dutchess of
Beaufort, of a daughter.

27. Lady of Lord Viscount Lif-
burne, of a daughter.

March 2. Lady of Sir Henry Hun-
loke, Bart. of a son and
heir, at Wingerworth, in
Yorkshire.

3. Lady of his Excellency Ba-
ron Diede, the Danish
Minister, of a daughter.

9. Lady of Sir John Eden, Bart.
of a daughter, at his seat
at Windlestone, in the
county of Durham.

22. Lady of Sir Watkin Lewes,
of a son.

24. Lady of the Hon. Archi-
bald Douglass, of a son.

Lady of Sir Peter Parker,
of a daughter.

April 5. The Princess of Mecklen-
burgh Strelitz, spouse to
the Prince of that name,
a Lieutenant General in
the Hanoverian service,
Governor of Lunebourg,
and second brother to her
Majesty, of a Princess, at
Hanover.

6. Lady of the Hon. Francis
Talbot, brother to the
Earl of Shrewsbury, of a
son and heir.

21. Lady of the Earl of Dart-
mouth, of a son.

The countess of Strathmore,
of a son.

Earl Tyrconnell's Lady, of
a child still-born.

22. Lady of Sir Richard Sut-
ton, of a daughter.

30. Lady of Sir William Wake,
Bart. of a daughter.

May 1. Countess of Moray, of a
son.

13. The Lady of the Honour-
able Captain Fielding,
daughter of Lady Char-
lotte Finch, of a daugh-
ter,

18. The Lady of Sir George
Amyand,

Amyand, Baronet of a son.

In Ireland, the Countess of Miltown, of a daughter.

Lady Vis. Montcashell, of a son.

29. The Dutchess of Gloucester, of a daughter.

June 1. The Dutchess of Grafton, of a son.

2. Lady of Sir James Cockburn, Bart. of a son.

8. Lady of Thomas de Grey, Esq; of a daughter.

21. Lady of the Earl of Egmont, in Portman-square, of a daughter, which died the next day.

24. Lady of Sir Joseph Mawbey, Bart. of a son.

July 5. Her Royal Highness the Dutchess of Parma, of a Prince.

8. The Countess of Dumfries, of a daughter.

12. The Countess of Hopeton, of a daughter, at Hopeton-house.

14. The Princesses of Anhalt, Bernbourg, and Shaumbourg, of a Prince.

15. The Countess of Pembroke, of a daughter.

16. The Countess of Barrymore, of a son.

20. Lady Mary Hog, of a daughter, at the Earl of Lauderdale's seat at Hatton.

The Right Hon. the Countess of Home, of a daughter, at his Lordship's seat of Hirsfel.

28. The Queen of Naples and Sicily, of a Princess.

Aug. 8. The Lady of Sir John Stanley, Bart. of a daughter.

18. The Lady of Major Gen. Sir William Draper, of a daughter.

19. The Countess of Jersey, of a son and heir.

21. The Countess of Northesk, of a son.

Lady of the Right Hon. Lord Vis. Ashbrook, of a son.

30. The Countess of Buckinghamshire, of a son and heir.

Right Hon. Lady Gage, of a daughter.

Sept. 10. The Countess of Stamford, of a son.

11. Lady of Sir William Bagot, Bart. of a son.

13. Lady of Sir John Palmer, Bart. of a son.

17. The Countess of Carlisle, of a son and heir.

19. Lady of Sir Edward Ashley, Bart. of a daughter.

21. Lady of Sir Sampson Gideon, Bart. of a daughter.

Lady Viscountess Torrington, of a daughter, at Burlington-House, Piccadilly.

Oct. 5. Lady of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Bart. of a son.

6. The Dutchess of Chartres, at Paris, of a Prince, who has the title of Duke of Valois.

9. The Countess of Granard, of a daughter.

Nov. 5. The Princess, spouse of the Prince of Prussia, of a Prince, at Potsdam.

Her Grace the Dutchess of Marlborough, of a daughter.

Lady of Sir Gervas Clifton, Bart. of a daughter.

21. Lady

- 21. Lady of the Hon. Stephen Fox, of a son, at Winterflow, in Wilts.
- 23. Right Hon. Lady Stayor-dale, of a daughter.
- 29. Lady of the Hon. Thomas Townshend, junior, of a daughter.
- 30. Lady of the Hon. Mr. Hobart, of a son and heir.
- Dec. 8. The Lady of Mr. Justice Ashurst, of a daughter.
- 13. The Lady of the Hon. Col. Fitzroy, of a son.
- 19. The Grand Dutchess of Tuscany, of a Prince, at Florence.
- 28. The Lady of Sir Watkin William Wynne, Bart. of a son.
- 30. Lady of Sir John Nelthorpe, Bart. of Barton in Yorkshire, of a son and heir.

MARRIAGES, 1773.

- Jan. 10. At Berlin, his Serene Highness the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, to the Princess Philippina, of Schwedt.
- 11. John Moses, of Kingston upon Hull, Esq; to Miss Margaret Cave, daughter of Sir Thomas Cave, Bart.
- 20. The Duke d'Arenberg, at Paris, to Mademoiselle de Lauragais, daughter of Count Lauragais.
- 21. Robert Aug. Johnson, Esq; to Lady Ludford Taylor, youngest sister to Lord Craven.
- 30. Francis Sykes, Esq; to the Hon. Miss Moncton, daughter of the late Lord Galway.

Lady Stanhope, relict of Sir William Stanhope, to Capt. Jones, of the Guards.

Feb. 6. Hon. Wilbraham Tolle-mache, eldest brother to the Earl of Dysart, to Miss Lewis, of Malvern-hall in Warwickshire.

9. Richard Forster, Esq; to Miss Baynton, daughter of Sir Edward Baynton.

18. Matthew Lewis, Esq; to Miss Sewell, daughter of Sir Thomas Sewell, Master of the Rolls.

March 2. At Lambeth, by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Trevor Charles Roper, Esq; son to the Hon. Charles Roper, and nephew to the Right Hon. Lord Dacre, to Miss Fludyer, daughter and heiress of the late Sir Thomas Fludyer.

6. At Edinburgh, Tho. Griffin Tarpley, Esq; to Lady Catherine Mackenzie, daughter to the late Earl of Seaforth.

19. Sir Yelverton Peyton, Bart. to Mrs. Calvert, widow of Felix Calvert, Esq;

20. At the Rolls Chapel, by the Rev. Dr. Ross, by special Licence, the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Sewell, Knt. Master of the Rolls, to Miss Sibthorpe, daughter of Dr. Sibthorpe, of Oxford.

Henry George Liddle, Esq; of Newton, near Durham, nephew to Lord Ravensworth, to Miss Steele, daughter to the Recorder of Chichester.

27. Sir

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27. Sir Alexander Hay, to the only daughter of Doctor Hay of Ipswich.
30. The Hon. Thomas Shirley, deputy ranger of St. James's Park, and brother to Earl Ferrers, to lady Anderson, relict of the late Sir Stephen Anderson, Bart.
- April 1. At Dublin, the Hon. Gustavus Hamilton, eldest son of Lord Viscount Boyne, to Miss Somerville, only daughter of the late Sir Quayle Somerville, Bart.
7. Lieutenant Colonel Barry St. Leger, nephew to the late Lord Viscount Doneraile, and fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, to Lady Mansel, widow of the late Sir Edward Mansel, of Trinfaran, South Wales.
20. Sir John Fust, Bart. at Bath, to Mrs. Hamilton, of Hampton-court palace.
24. At Edinburgh, Alexander Murray, Esq; junior, of Murrayfield, to Miss Katherine Lindsay, second daughter to the deceased Sir Alexander Lindsay, of Evelick, Bart.
27. Thomas Mostyn, Esq; third son to Sir George Mostyn, of Tallacre in the county of Flint, Bart. to the Hon. Mary Catherine Roper, eldest daughter of the Right Hon. Henry Lord Teynham.
- May 19. Lord Viscount Townshend, to Miss Nancy Montgomery, of the kingdom of Ireland.
20. James Paston Esq; of Horton, in Gloucestershire, to the Hon. Miss Constantia Fontana, a young lady of a noble family in the city of Rome.
- June 1. Henry Etherington, Esq; of Kingston upon Hull, to Miss Cave, daughter of Sir Thomas Cave.
3. Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, in Ireland, to Miss Macnamara.
15. Hon. Capt. Conway, son of Lord Hertford, to Miss Delme, Grosvenor-square, niece to Lord Ravensworth.
30. At New York, Sir John Johnson, son of the gallant Sir William Johnson, Bart. to Miss Polly Watts, daughter of the Hon. John Watts, Esq; of his Majesty's council.
- July 6. The Hon. John Leveson Gower, son of the late Earl Gower, to Miss Boscawen, daughter of the late Right Hon. Admiral Boscawen.
23. Sir Basil Keith, lately made Governor of Jamaica, to Miss Warren, daughter of Sir George Warren, Knight of the Bath.
31. The Right Hon. Lady Amelia D'Arcy, daughter of the Earl of Holderness, to the Marquis of Carmarthen, son of his Grace the Duke of Leeds. At Slapton in Buckinghamshire, the Right Hon. John Trever, second son to Lord Trever, to Miss Harriot Burton, only daughter

- daughter of Dr. Burton,
Canon of Christ Church.
- Aug. 7. Arthur Vansittart, Esq; to
the Hon. Miss Hanger,
sister to Lord Colerain.
19. Lord Linton; son of the
Right Hon. the Earl of
Traquair, to Miss Ra-
venscroft; co-heiress of
John Ravenscroft, Esq;
of Lincolnshire.
- Lately, Richard Montgo-
mery, Esq; brother to the
Right Hon. the Countess
of Ranelagh, to Miss
Livingston, eldest daugh-
ter to the Hon. R. Li-
vingston, Esq; one of the
Judges of the supreme
court of judicature for
New York.
- Sept. 9. Alexander Penrose Cum-
ming, Esq; of the 13th
regiment of foot, at Cas-
tle Grant, in Scotland,
to Miss Helen Grant,
sister to Sir James Grant,
Bart.
17. By a special licence, at
Wells cathedral, John
Hyde, Esq; of East Green-
wich, lately appointed
one of his Majesty's
Judges of the supreme
court of Calcutta, to
Miss Seymour, eldest
daughter of the Right
Hon. and Rev. Lord
Francis Seymour, and
niece to the Duke of So-
merfet.
22. At Edinburgh, Sir Robert
Dalyell, Bart. to Miss
Graham.
- Oct. 2. John Berkely, Esq; to Miss
Compton, daughter of
Sir William Compton,
Bart.
23. In Ireland, the Right Hon.
the Earl of Ross, to Miss
Clements, daughter of
the Right Hon. Nathaniel
Clements.
- Nov. 10. Michael Lade, Esq; to Lady
Cranston, relict of the
late Lord.
16. At Versailles, the Count
D'Artois, third grandson
of the French King, to
the Princess of Savoy.
- John Fane, Esq; eldest son
of Henry Fane, Esq; of
Wormsley, to Lady Eli-
zabeth Parker, eldest
daughter of the Earl of
Macclesfield.
- Parker Steele, Esq; eldest
son of Sir Richard Steele,
Bart. of Ireland, to Miss
Verity, of Bristol.
- In Dublin, the Right Hon.
Lord Sidney, to the Hon.
Miss Saint Lawrence,
daughter to the Earl of
Howth.
- The Hon. Lieutenant Hew-
itt, son of the Rt. Hon.
Lord Chancellor of Ire-
land, to Miss Strettle,
daughter of Thomas
Strettle, of Corke, Esq;
29. The Marquis of Carmar-
then, to Lady Amelia
D'Arcy, daughter of the
Earl of Holderness.
- Dec. 2. Lord Viscount Cranburn,
son of the Earl of Salis-
bury, to Lady Mary Hill,
daughter of the Earl of
Hillsborough.
11. William Paynter, Esq; of
the Navy office, to Miss
Northcote, only daugh-
ter of the late Sir Harry
Northcote, Bart. of Pines,
Devonshire.

Fountain North, Esq; of Rougham, in Norfolk, (nearly related to Lord North) to Miss Arabella Strutt, of Hampstead, with 30,000*l*.

Hugh Vernon, Esq; of Great Thurloe, in Suffolk, to Jane, third daughter of Sir John Cullum, Bart. of Bury Saint Edmund's.

Sir Wm. Carter, Knt. Mayor of Portsmouth, to Miss Jellicoe of the same place.

14. Right Hon. Lord Ligonier, to Lady Mary Henley, sister to the present Earl of Northington.

23. By a special licence, the Hon. John Tollmache, to the Right Hon. Lady Bridget Lane, daughter of the late Earl of Northington.

Sir Charles Lumley, to Mrs. Kynaston.

Principal PROMOTIONS for the Year 1773, from the London Gazette, &c.

Jan. 2. By letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of Ireland, Lord Viscount Clare, the Right Hon. Welbore Ellis, and Charles Jenkinson, Esq; the office or offices of his Majesty's Vice-Treasurer and Receiver-General and Paymaster-General of all his Majesty's revenues, profits, and casualties whatsoever in the kingdom of Ireland.

— 4. M. Peter Francis Grimaldi was elected Doge of Genoa, in the room of M. Spinola, who declined that dignity.

— 9. Rt. Hon. Frederick North, commonly called Lord North,

Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the Right Hon. George Onslow, Jeremiah Dyson, Charles Townshend, and Charles James Fox, Esquires, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer. — Sir Francis Bernard, John Monck Mason, Robert Waller, William Montgomery, and Richard Townshend, Esqrs. Commissioners of Excise in Ireland. — Major General James Provost, Lieut. General in America only. — Lieut. Col. Charles Gray, of the late 98th regiment of foot; and Lieut. Col. Sir Thomas Spencer Wilson, Bart. of the Coldstream regiment of foot-guards, Aids de Camp to his Majesty. — Lieut. Colonel George Morrison, Quarter-Master-General of all his Majesty's forces, with the rank of Colonel in the Army. — Thomas Moore, Esq; to be one of the deemsters of and in his Majesty's island of Man, on the resignation of Peter John Honeywood, Esq; — Lieut. General James Oughton, to be Lieut. Governor of Antigua, in America, in the room of Francis Lord Hawley, deceased. — Stephen Cottrell, to be one of the Clerks of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council Records, in the room of Philip Sharpe, Esq; deceased. — George Chetwynd, Esq; to be one of the Clerks of his Majesty's Most Hon. Privy-Council, in the room of Philip Sharpe, Esq; deceased. — Sir Charles Cocks, Bart. to be Clerk of his Majesty's Ordnance of Great Britain, on the resignation of William Rawlinson Earle, Esq; — Benjamin Langlois, Esq; to be Clerk of the delivery and deliverance of all manner of artillery, ammunition, and other necessities whatsoever, appertaining to his Majesty's

Majesty's office of Ordnance, in the room of Sir Charles Cocks, Bart. — James Wright, Esq; Governor of his Majesty's Province of Georgia in America; a Baronet of Great Britain. — William Eddington, Esq; to be inspector of the out-ports collectors accounts within that part of Great Britain called England, with the dominion of Wales and town of Berwick upon Tweed. — Edward Hay, Esq; to be Governor of the island of Barbadoes, in the room of the late Admiral Spry.

— 28. The Baille de Ximenes, a Spaniard, Grand Master of Malta, in the room of Don Emanuel Pinto, a Portugeze, deceased.

February 1. Richard Richmond, D. D. Bishop of Sodor and Man, in the room of Dr. Mark Hildesley, deceased.

— 5. The Right Hon. Charles Jenkinson, a Privy-Counsellor. — Thomas Hallifax, Esq; Alderman, of London, and Watkin Lewes, Esq; Alderman, and one of the sheriffs, the honour of Knighthood.

— 22. Lieutenant General James Oughton, a Knight of the Bath. — The Earl of Egmont, Lord Lieut. of the County of Somerset, on the resignation of the Earl of Thomond. Richard Wells, Esq; one of the Tellers of his Majesty's Exchequer, in the room of Ch. Lloyd, Esq; deceased. — Mr. Midford, First Clerk of the Inrolment Office for registering deeds &c. in the County of Middlesex, in room of Humphrey Hawkshaw, Esq; deceased. — James Charter, Esq; Comptroller of the Customs at Exeter, Collector of Lights at that port. — Walter Rawlinson, Esq; President of Bridewell Hospital, in the room of Sir Richard Glynn.

March 2. Thomas Parry, Esq; Receiver of the Tenths, in room of Stephen Comyn, Esq; deceased. — And Mr. Edward Mulso, nephew to the Bishop of Winchester, Receiver of the First Fruits.

— 10. James Burrow, Esq; late President of the Royal Society, the honour of Knighthood.

— 13. Lieut. Gen. John Gore, Col. of the 6th reg. of foot, in the room of Lieut. Gen. Wm. Rufane, deceased. — Sir Eyre Coote, Col. of the 37th regiment, in the room of Lieut. Gen. Sir George Gray, deceased. — Col. John Barlow, to the 61st regiment, in the room of Gen. Gore,

— 20. Sir Basil Keith, Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the island of Jamaica, in the room of Sir William Trelawny, Bart. deceased.

April 1. Reverend Dr. Dampier, Master of Sherborne Hospital. — Rev. Dr. Egerton, brother to the Bishop, a Prebend of Durham, vacant by the promotion of Dr. Dampier to the Mastership of Sherborne Hospital. — Sir Charles Townley, Knt. (Clarencieux King of Arms) Garter King of Arms, in room of the late Stephen Martin Leake, Esq; deceased. — Spencer Maden, Esq; Chief Porter to his Majesty's Tower of London.

— 24. The Rev. James Waller, M. A. vicar of Kensington, to the Archdeaconry of Essex, void by the death of Mr. Stotherd Abdy.

May 10. Major-General Bernard Hall, Lieut. Gov. of Chelsea-hospital. — Major-General George Lane Parker, of the 1st regiment of Foot-Guards, to be Colonel of the 20th regiment of Foot.

— 25. Tho. Wilson, Esq; Chief Justice of his Majesty's island of
[M 2] Dominica,

Dominica, in the room of John Ashley Hall, Esq; deceased.—William Myres, Esq; to be Lieut. Gov. of the Province of Senegambia in Africa, and also to be superintendant of trade in the same province, in the room of John Gilpin Sawrey, Esq; deceased.—Joseph Wall, Esq; Secretary and Clerk of the Council of the province of Senegambia in Africa, in the room of Theobald Burke, Esq; deceased.—Thomas Browne, Esq; (Norroy King of Arms) the Office of Clarenceux King of Arms.—Ralph Bigland, Esq; Somerset Herald, to the office of Norroy king at arms, and principal herald of the North part of England.

— 29. Christopher Rigby, John Trenchard, Thomas Wyndham, Daniel Bull, George Blount, Charles Deering, and John Eames, Esqrs. to be Commissioners for holding intelligence and correspondence with the Receivers-General of the taxes.—Francis Burton, Esq; to be Comptroller of the Duties upon Salt, and Rock Salt.

June 2. William Campbell, Esq; (commonly called Lord William Campbell) to be Capt. Gen. and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's province of South Carolina in America, in the room of Lord Charles Greville Montague.—Francis Legge, Esq; to be Capt. Gen. and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's province of Nova Scotia in America, in the room of Lord William Campbell.—Robert Gunning, Esq; Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the court of Petersburg, the order of the Bath.—Patrick Tonyn, Esq; to be Capt. Gen. and Governor in Chief of the province of East Flo-

rida, America.—Alexander Brown, Esq; to be Consul at Drontheim, Norway.—William Fleming, Esq; one of the Clerks of the Privy Seal, in the room of Purbeck Langham, Esq; deceased.—Henry Hastings, Esq; to be Somerset Herald.

— 22. John Carter, Esq; Mayor of Portsmouth, to the honour of Knighthood.

— 24. Vice Admiral Pye, to the rank of Admiral of the Blue.—Richard Spry, Esq; Rear Admiral of the white; Capt. Joseph Knight of the Ocean, senior Captain in the Fleet at Spithead; Capt. Edward Vernon, of the Barfleur, and Capt. Richard Bickerton, of the Augusta Yacht, who had the honour each day to steer the King's Barge, the honour of Knighthood, under the Royal Standard, upon the Quarter-deck of the Barfleur.

25. Right Hon. Lord Edgumbe, Vice Admiral of the Blue, to be Vice Admiral of the White.

July 10. William English, Esq; Treasurer of the Salt Office, in the room of William Mitchell, Esq; deceased.

— 15. Gen. John Earl Waldegrave, Col. of the Coldstream reg. of foot guards, in the room of Field Marshal Lord Tyrawley, deceased.

— General George Visc. Townshend, Lieut. Col. of the second, or Queen's regiment of dragoon guards, in the room of the Earl Waldegrave.—Lieut. Gen. Edward Harvey, Gov. of Portsmouth, in the room of the late Lord Tyrawley.—Hugh Palliser, Esq; Comptroller of the Navy, and Richard Hughes, Esq; Commissioner of the Navy residing at Portsmouth, the dignity of Baronets of Great Britain. A Commission passed the
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Great Seal, constituting and appointing the following gentlemen Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, with a salary of 500l. a year each, payable quarterly, by the Treasurer of the Navy: Sir Hugh Palliser, Bart. Comptroller; Sir John Williams, Knt. Surveyor; George Marsh, Esq; Clerk of the Acts of the Navy, in the room of Edmund Mason, Esq; deceased. — Timothy Brett, Esq; Comptroller of the Treasurer's Accounts, James Gambier, Esq; Comptroller of Victuallers Accounts; William Bateman, Esquire, Comptroller of Storekeepers Accounts; Frederick Rogers, Esq; Comptroller of Plymouth Yard; Sir Richard Hughes, Bart. Comptroller of Portsmouth Yard; and Charles Proby, Esq; Comptroller of the Yards at Chatham and Sheerness. — Mr. Impey, Chief Justice, and Messrs. Chambers, Le-Maitre, and Messiares, Puisne Judges of the New Court in the East Indies. — John Phipps, Esq; one of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, in the room of John Nichol, Esq; resigned.

— 27. Henry Talbot, Esq; Sir John Gresham, Bart. Oliver Tilson, Milward Rowe, and John Hillersdon, Esqrs. to be commissioners for the receipt and management of the Duties on Salt. — To the Right Hon. Thomas Baron Pelham, of Stanmer, in Sussex, the Office of Surveyor-General of the Customs in the Port of London. — John Charles Brooke, Gent. the Office of Rouge Croix Pursuivant at Arms. — Lieut. Col. Tho. Clarke, of the Coldstream regiment of footguards, Aid de Camp to his Majesty. — Mr. Edward Lloyd, to be Mews-keeper at Charing-cross, in the room of the late Mr. Montague.

Aug. 2. Major General Thomas Erle, to be Col. of the 28th regiment of foot, in the room of Lord Visc. Townshend, preferred. — Lieut. Col. John Burgoyne, of the 58th regiment of Foot, Lieut. Col. of the 14th regiment of dragoons, in the room of Major General Erle.

— 3. William Baillie, Esq; one of the Commissioners for managing the Duties on Stamp Vellum, Parchment and Paper, &c. And John Brettel, Esq; to be Secretary or Chief Clerk to the said Commissioners.

— 4. The Rt. Hon. Sir William Lynch, a Privy Counsellor.

— 18. The Earl of Northington, to the Order of the Thistle.

Sept. 1. The Right Hon. Sir John Goodricke, Bart. a Privy Counsellor.

— 4. Sir Hugh Palliser, Bart. Sir John Williams, Knight, George Marsh, Timothy Brett, William Palmer, and William Bateman, Esqrs. Sir Richard Temple, Bart. Frederick Rogers, James Gambier, and Charles Proby, Esqrs. to be principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

Oct. 19 John Strange, Esq; son of the late Sir John Strange, to be Consul at Venice, in the room of Sir James Wright, Bart. lately come home.

— 29. Edward Hughes, Esq; Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels to be employed in the East Indies, the honour of Knighthood.

Nov. 6. George Hay, Doctor of Laws, the Office of Judge and President of the High Court of Admiralty, in the room of Sir Thomas Salusbury, deceased. — Sir Henry Banks, President of Christ's Hospital.

— 29. Lewis De Visme, A. M. at present his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Elector of Bavaria, and Minister to the Dyet of Ratisbon, to be his Majesty's Envoy-Extraordinary at the court of Sweden, in the room of Sir John Goodricke, who has obtained his Majesty's permission to resign.— William Scott, LL B. Professor of Ancient History in the university of Cambridge, Lord Charles Cavendish, a Trustee of the British Museum, in the room of the late Lord Lyttelton.

— 18. William Buller, M. A. the place and dignity of a Canonry or Prebend in the collegiate church or free chapel of St. George, in the castle at Windsor, void by the death of Dr. Robert Hort.— The Rev. Dr. Wollaston, one of the King's chaplains, to be a Prebendary of Peterborough, in the room of Dr. Burroughs.— General Keppel, to be Commander in Chief of the Forces in Ireland.— Col. George Warde, Lieutenant-colonel of the 4th regiment of dragoons, to be Col. of the 14th regiment of dragoons (in Ireland), in the room of Lieutenant General Daniel Webb, deceased.— Sir William Boothby, Bart. Colonel of the 6th regiment of foot.— Major-General William Alexander Sorell, to be Colonel of the 48th regiment of foot.

— 24. Hugh Elliot, Esq; Minister Plenipotentiary to the Elector of Bavaria, and Minister to the Diet of Ratisbon, in the room of Lewis De Visme, A. M. appointed his Majesty's Envoy-Extraordinary at the court of Sweden.

— 28. The King has been pleased to approve of Paul Amfinck, of London, merchant, to be Agent for the Hanse-Towns, within his

Majesty's kingdom of Great-Britain, the said Mr. Amfinck having received a commission for that purpose from the cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh.

— 29. The Earl of Guilford, Treasurer and Receiver-General to the Queen, in the room of Andrew Stone, Esq; deceased.

DEATHS, 1773.

Jan. 1. Sir Arthur Forbes, of Craigievar, Bart.

Hon. Miss Dorothy Hamilton, sister to the late Lord Boyne.

3. Mrs. Elizabeth Arbuthnot, Lady Balwillo, in Scotland.

7. Mrs. Clive, mother to Sir George Rodney's lady, in Jamaica.

9. Sir James Gray, Knight of the Bath. He was Ambassador to the court of Spain in 1769.

Lady of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochford, at his house in Berkeley-square. Her Ladyship was daughter to Edward Young, Esq; of Durnford, near Sarum, in Wiltshire, and died without issue.

Lady Bramstone, in Cork-street.

10. Lady Harrison, relict of Sir Thomas Harrison, late Chamberlain of London.

Mademoiselle the Princess Louisa Albertina of Schleswig-Holstein, Countess-Dowager of Seeguth Sanislawsky, aged seventy-seven years.

11. The Princess Carolina Augusta, youngest daughter of Prince Charles of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, at Hanover, in her second year.

21. Her Grace the Dutchess-Dowager of Somerset, at her seat near Chiswick. She was sister to the late Earl of Winchelsea. Her Grace was widow of Charles Seymour, late Duke of Somerset, to whom

whom she was married on Feb. 4, 1725-6, and had issue by his Grace, two daughters, viz. Lady Frances Seymour (sometime since deceased), who married the late Marquis of Granby, and had by him two sons and two daughters; and lady Charlotte Seymour, who married the present Earl of Aylesford, by whom she has a numerous issue.

24. Right Hon. Gabriel Hanger, Lord Coleraine, at his seat near Maidenhead, in Berkshire, member in the last parliament for Bridgewater, in Somersetshire. He was created a peer of Ireland, Dec. 1, 1761, 1 George III. His Lordship served in two parliaments for the borough of Maidstone, in Kent, and married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Richard Bond, of Cowbury, in the county of Hereford, Esq; by whom he had issue three sons, John, William, and George; and one daughter, Anne.

At Malta, at a great age, Don Emanuel Pinto, the Grand-Master.

29. At Moscow, in the 73d year of his age, the celebrated Count Soltikow, memorable for giving a total defeat to the King of Prussia, on the banks of the Oder near Frankfort, in the last war.

30. At Stobball, in Perthshire, in an advanced age, Jane Dutchess-Dowager of Perth, Lady of James Duke of Perth, eldest son of John, Chancellor of Scotland, who followed the fortunes of James VII. and was created Duke of Perth by that Prince, during his residence at St. Germain's. She was daughter of George first Duke of Gordon, and great grand aunt to the present Duke.

Feb. 4. Sir Digby Legard, Bart. of Ganton, in Yorkshire, well known for his improvements in husbandry.

Mary Dutchess Dowager of Perth, Lady of Lord John Drummond, also a son to the Chancellor already mentioned. She was daughter of Charles fifth Earl of Traquair, and sister to the present Earl.

Lady Dawes, relict of Sir Darcy Dawes.

8. At his house in Burlington-street, Sir William Breton, one of the Grooms of the Chamber, and Privy-Purse Bearer to his Majesty.

Hon. Walter Moleworth.

12. At Edinburgh, the Right Hon. William Lord Newark.—His Lordship was son to Sir Alexander Anstruther, and Jean Lesly, Baroness Newark; and upon her death in 1740, assumed the name of Lesly, and the title of Lord Newark.—His Lordship dying without issue, the title devolves on Alexander Anstruther, Esq; Merchant in Bologna, his only surviving brother.

14. Sir George Gray, Bart. Lieutenant-General, and Colonel of a regiment of foot.

The Hon. Sir John Wynne, Bart. He is succeeded in title and estate by his eldest son, now Sir Thomas Wynne, Bart.

Lieutenant-General Rufane, Colonel of the 6th regiment of foot.

19. Sir Stephen Anderson, Bart.

20. At Turin, in the 72d year of his age, his Majesty the King of Sardinia.

21. At his seat at Bramham-Park, in the 77th year of his age, the Right Hon. George Fox-Lane, Lord Bingley, Baron of Bingley, in Yorkshire. His Lordship represented the Borough of Hendon, in the 8th, and the city of York in the 10th, 11th, and 12th parliaments of Great-Britain. On the 12th of July, 1731, he married Harriot, only daughter and heir of

the Right Hon. Robert Benson, late Lord Bingley, by his wife Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Right Hon. Heneage Lord Guernsey, afterwards Earl of Guernsey, by whom, besides a fortune of 100,000*l.* in money, he obtained an estate of 7000*l.* a year. On the 4th of May, 1762, his Majesty was pleased to revive the title, by creating him Baron Bingley, with limitation to his heirs male by the said Harriot his wife. Their only son, the Hon. Robert Lane, who, July 29, 1761, married Lady Bridget, daughter of the Earl of Northington, dying without issue, the title is extinct.

At Spanish-Town, in Jamaica, on the 11th of December last, as universally lamented at his death, as he was beloved and honoured in his government while living, his Excellency Sir William Trelawny, Bart. Governor-General of that island. This worthy gentleman set an example to other governors; he died in the esteem of his Sovereign, and almost adored by the people over whom he presided. For the particular honours paid to his memory, see the Appendix.

24. At her house at Kingston, Lady Phipps, relict of Sir John Phipps, Bart.

March 1. Hon. Mr. Bateman, uncle to Lord Bateman.

3. At Vienna, of a broken heart, from the miseries of his country, the brave Prince Poniatowski, brother to the King of Poland, and a general in the Austrian service, in which he had been greatly distinguished during the last war.

4. Lady Smythes, relict of Sir Thomas Gorges Smythes.

6. Right Hon. Lady Nithsdale, suddenly.

At Rome, Cardinal Frederic Marcel Lante, Bishop of Porto, and Sub-Dean of the Sacred College, at the age of 78 years. He was raised to the purple by Benoit XIV. in 1743. His death makes the 14th hat vacant in the Sacred College.

At Chicksands, in Bedfordshire, the Lady of Sir George Osborne, Bart.

16. John Charles Jenkins, Esq; in Cleveland-court, only son and heir of Sir William Jenkins of Northampton.

At Edinburgh, the Hon. Miss Mackay, eldest daughter of the late Lord Reay.

17. Alexander Ferdinand, Prince of La Tour and Taxis, at Ratisbon, his Imperial Majesty's principal commissary at the diet there.

18. After a long illness, Sir Thomas Pym Hales, Bart. of Howletts, in Kent, and Brymore in the county of Somerset, one of the representatives in the present parliament for the port of Dover, whose ancestor, Sir Robert Hales, was created a Baronet at the Restoration; dying without issue male, the title descends to his only surviving brother, Philip, one of the grooms of his Majesty's bed-chamber.

At Castle-Grant, in Scotland, Sir Ludovick Grant, of Grant, Bart.

24. Sir Charles Smith, Bart. of Hill-Hall, Essex. Leaving only a daughter, he is succeeded in honour and estate by his only brother, now the Rev. Sir William Smith, Bart.

At his palace at Seville, the most Rev. Francis Anthony de Solis, Cardinal of the Roman church, and Archbishop of that see, in the 117th year of his age.

Hall Hartson, Esq; author of the Countess of Salisbury, and other ingenious pieces; a young gentleman of fine parts, and who, though very young, had made the tour of Europe three times.

At Glasgow, the Hon. Lady Margaret Glasford, wife of John Glasford, Esq; of Dongouldston, and daughter of the late Earl of Cromartie.

At his house in Hertford-street, May-Fair, the Right Hon. Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield. He was born Sept. 22, 1695, and succeeded his father the 27th of Jan. 1725-6; elected Knight of the Garter May 18, 1730; and soon after made Lord Steward of his Majesty's Household, and Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States General, and Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in the year 1745. On the 15th of September 1733, he married Lady Melesina, Countess of Walsingham. His title descends to Master Philip Stanhope, a minor, about eighteen years of age, now at Leipzig university. General Sir Charles Hotham, and Beaumont Hotham, Esq; member in parliament for Wigan in Lancashire, are his executors.

29. Miss Dives, sister to Lady Masham.

31. At her house at Mellerstain, North-Britain, the Right Hon. Lady Binning, relict of the late Lord Binning.

April 2. At Brunswick, the Princess Amelia Louisa Charlotte Dorothea, grand-daughter of his Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick.

At Colchester, Sir Richard Bacon, premier Baronet of England.

Lately, Mr. Devereux Bowley, one of the people called Quakers,

who has left by will 6000l. to the London-Hospital, 6000l. to the Quakers charity-school, at Clerkenwell, 3000l. to St. Luke's-Hospital, 1000l. to St. Thomas's, and 500l. to each of the Quakers meetings in London, besides many small legacies.

The Rev. Mr. Abdy, Rector of Coopersale, Archdeacon of Essex, and brother to Sir Anthony Tho. Abdy, Bart.

4. At her father's house at Knightsbridge, Miss Hothwell, only daughter of Sir William Hothwell, late one of the secretaries in the American department.

5. At Newton, in Hampshire, Mrs. Darby, Lady of Capt. Darby, of the Royal Navy, and daughter of the late Sir William St. Quintin, Bart.

7. Thomas Drummond, Esq; second son of his Grace the Archbishop of York, in Dartmouth-street, Westminster.

10. Lady Hare, relict of Sir Thomas Hare, Bart. of Stow-Hall, Norfolk.

11. The Right Hon. Sir Francis Scott, Lord Napier, at Lewes in Sussex. The title descends to the Hon. William Napier, Major of the Royal North British dragoons.

12. At Walthamstow, Lady Jane Hewitt, whose fortune comes to her nephew, a captain in the East-India service.

15. At Bath, Sir Thomas Whitmore, Knight of the Bath.

18. Of a paralytic disorder, at Bruton-Abbey, in Somersetshire, the Right Hon. John Berkeley, Lord Berkeley of Stratton, and one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy-Council. As his Lordship died without issue, the title is extinct.

Lately, the Right Hon. Margaret

ret Viscountess-Dowager of Strathallen.

Sir Alexander Bannerman, Bart. at Harlsey, near Northallerton, in Yorkshire.

21. At Datchet, near Windsor, Thomas Needham, Esq; eldest son of Lord Kilmurry, and captain of a company in the third regiment of foot guards.

22. The Lady of the Archbishop of York. Her second son died a few days before.

27. Arthur Gore, Earl of Arran, in Ireland. His Lordship's issue are, Lord Viscount Sudley, who succeeds him; Hon. R. and P. Gore; and the Right Hon. Lady Anne Daly.

May 7. At Hermingham, in Cheshire, John Conway Glynne, Esq; son of Sir John Glynne, Bart. of Broadlane, Flintshire.

8. At Cockley-Cley, near Swaffham, in Norfolk, Mrs. Dashwood, wife of John Richard Dashwood, Esq; and eldest daughter of the late Sir Horatio Pettus, of Rackheath, Bart.

10. In Ireland, Mrs. Malone, wife of the Right Hon. Anthony Malone, and daughter of the late Sir Ralph Gore, Speaker of the House of Commons in that kingdom.

20. Prince Charles of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz, aged 14 months.

21. At Boyton, in Wilts, the Hon. Mrs. Lambert, wife of Edmund Lambert, Esq; of that place, and daughter and sole heiress of the late Lord Viscount Mayo, of Ireland.

22. On a journey from Bath to London, the Lady of Sir Thomas Haggerstone, Bart. of Haggerstone, in the county of Northumberland.

25. Hon. William Murray, second son to the Earl of Dunmore.

Suddenly, at her house in Lisle-street, Leicester-fields, Lady Sophia Thomas, sister to the late Earl of Albemarle, and aunt of the present.

At his house on Putney-Common, General Hudson, in the 83d year of his age.

27. Her Grace Mary Dutches of Norfolk. She was married to his Grace the present Duke of Norfolk in 1727, and was daughter and co-heir of Edward Blount, Esq; of Blagdon, in Devonshire.

28. Mrs. Travers, sister to the Dutches of Hamilton, and upper house-keeper of Somerset-House.

30. Sir Chandos Hoskyns, Bart. of Warewood, Herefordshire.

June 2. The Hon. Lady Caroline Seymour, Lady of Henry Seymour, Esq; one of the members for Huntingdon, at Panshanger, and sister to the present Earl Cowper.

9. General Leighton, Colonel of the 32d regiment of foot.

14. At Berlin, the Princess Frederica Christina Amelia Wilhelmina.

18. At Leslie in Fifeshire, John Earl of Rothes. His Lordship dying without issue, and the title descending in the female line, he is succeeded by his eldest sister Lady Jane Elizabeth Pepys, now Countess of Rothes.

19. At his house in Grosvenor-Place, John Simpson, junior, Esq; He married the Right Hon. Lady Ann Lyon, sister to the Earl of Strathmore.

20. At Mr. Thrale's house, at Streatham, in Surry, Mrs. Salusbury, relict of John Salusbury, Esq; of Bachygiaig, in the county of Flint, and

and daughter of Sir Thomas Cotton, Bart. of Combermere, in Cheshire.

22. At his house at Westfield, in Scotland, aged 90, Sir Archibald Denham, Bart.

July 6. The Right Hon. Francis Greville Earl of Brooke and of Warwick, and Lord Brooke, Baron Brooke of Beauchamp-Court, in Warwickshire, Knight of the most Ancient and Noble Order of St. Andrew, or the Thistle, Recorder of Warwick, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Foundling-Hospital. He is succeeded in title and estate by his son Lord Greville, now one of the Lords of Trade. His Lordship was born in 1719, succeeded his father, William, as Lord Brooke, in July, 1727; and July 7, 1746, 20 George II. was created Earl Brooke of Warwick-Castle, in the county of Warwick; and, on the death of the late Earl of Warwick, was created Earl of Warwick, Nov. 27, 1759, 33 Geo. II. His Lordship married, May 16, 1742, the Hon. Miss Hamilton, eldest daughter of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, by whom he had issue, George Lord Greville, member for the town of Warwick, born Sept. 16, 1746; Charles-Francis, born May 12, 1749; Louisa Augusta, born April 14, 1743; Frances Elizabeth, born May 11, 1744, wife of Sir Harry Harpur, Bart. Charlotte Mary, born July 6, 1745, married to John Lord Garlies, Aug. 14, 1762, and died May 31, 1763; Robert Fulke, born Feb. 3, 1750-1; and Aug. 26, 1760, another daughter.

Lately, at Reda, the Princess-Dowager of Prince John Augustus of Saxe-Gotha,

In Ireland, Sir Booth Gore, Bart.

Some time ago, at his seat in the county of Meath, the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne.

7. Sir Walter Simpson, in Cornhill, aged 78.

8. The Right Hon. James Cranstoun, Lord Cranstoun, of Creting, in the county of Roxburgh, in the kingdom of Scotland, at his house in Portman-square. He was the sixth Lord of that name in lineal descent from William, created Lord Cranstoun, by King James I. in the year 1611, and son of William the fifth Lord Cranstoun, by Lady Jane Ker, sister to the late, and aunt to the present Marquis of Lothian. His Lordship married Sophia, daughter of — Brown, Esq; by whom he had issue five sons, viz. William, now Lord Cranstoun, born in 1751; Brown; James, an officer in the navy; Charles, and George. The family take their name from the lands and barony of Cranstoun, in Mid-Lothian, of which they were possessed in 1250, which lands were also confirmed by a charter from King David the Second, granted in the year 1329 to Thomas de Cranstoun.

13. At Twickenham, the Right Hon. James O'Hara, Lord Tyrawley, Field-Marshal of all his Majesty's Forces, Col. of the Second (or Coldstream) regiment of footguards, Governor of Portsmouth, and one of his Majesty's Most Hon. Privy-Council. His Lordship succeeded his father, the late Lord, in June 1724. He was born in 1690. In the life time of his father, he was created Baron Kilmaine, of Kilmaine, and succeeded him as colonel of the regiment of English fuzileers. He served with great bravery in all Queen Anne's wars.

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In 1727 he was made Aid de Camp to the King; and on Jan. 20 ensuing, Envoy-Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, at whose court he resided till 1741, when he was recalled. On Dec. 18, 1735, he was constituted a Brigadier-General; July 2, 1739, a Major-General; and April 5, 1743, a Lieutenant-General, having, in August 1739, been made colonel of a regiment of horse on the Irish establishment, which he resigned April 15, 1743, on being appointed captain and colonel of the second troop of horse grenadier guards. In November, that year, he was appointed Ambassador-Extraordinary to the court of Russia, where he resided till Feb. 25, 1744. On April 30, 1745, he succeeded the Earl of Albemarle in the command of the third troop of horse-guards, as in 1746 he did Colonel Columbine, in his regiment of foot on the British establishment. On August 19, 1749, he got Hamilton's regiment of dragoons; and in 1762, Bland's dragoons. In 1752, he was again Ambassador to Portugal, and has executed extraordinary commissions there since. His Lordship married Mary, only surviving daughter of William Viscount Montjoy, and sister of William Earl of Blessinton, but has no issue by her.

20. At Gorthy, Lady Murray, widow of Sir Patrick Murray, of Ochertyre, Bart.

21. At her son's house in Devonshire, worn down by a long illness and excruciating pain, to which her mind only was equal, the Right Hon. Lady Bridget Bastard, sister to the present Earl Poulet. Though early in life left a widow by Pollexfen Bastard, Esq; of Kitley, she, by the most faithful

and unremitted attention to every maternal duty, prevented the loss of a father being felt by his infant family, most of whom she had the misfortune to survive, but not till she had received from them a portion of that well-deserved gratitude, with which her memory must be ever revered by her latest descendants.

27. At Richmond, Sir Robert Price, Bart. He has left his fortune to seven old batchelors in indigent circumstances.

29. After a short illness, the Right Hon. Lady Delamer, the relict of Lord Delamer; a lady whose truly christian life and exemplary virtues, made her highly valued when living by all who knew her, and will make her death as generally lamented.

August 3. In Russia, Count Peter Czernichew, who resided many years in England, as Ambassador from Russia.

9. Right Hon. Lady Charlotte Murray, youngest sister of the Duke of Athol.

Right Hon. Richard Barry, Earl of Barrymore, Viscount Buttevant, Baron Barry of Barry's-Court, Oletan, and Ibawne, a captain in the 9th regiment of dragoons, at the seat of Lord Villiers, in the county of Waterford, of a violent fever. His Lordship was born in October 1745, succeeded his father, James the 5th Earl, in December 1751, and on April 16, 1767, married Lady Amelia Stanhope, third daughter of William, Earl Harrington.

12. Rev. Mr. Wenham, of Hamsey, near Lewes in Sussex. He distributed to the poor of that parish, 30 threepenny loaves every Sunday throughout the year, and paid for the schooling of between 30 and 40 children.

Denzil Ibbetson, Esq; youngest son of the late Sir Henry Ibbetson, Bart. He was killed by an accidental discharge of his gun when out a-shooting in the woods at Cocken, the seat of his uncle Ralph Carr, Esq; near Durham.

16. At Warwick, Sir Charles Shuckburgh, Bart.

18. Charles Slingsby, of Loftus-Hill, Esq; only brother to Sir Saville Slingsby, of Scriven-Park, in the West-Riding of Yorkshire, Bart.

At St. Edmund's-Bury, the Hon. Felton Hervey, Esq; uncle to the Earl of Bristol. He represented that borough in parliament formerly.

22. The Right Hon. George Lord Lyttelton, Baron of Frankley, in Worcesterhire, and Baronet.—His Lordship was born Jan. 17, 1708-9. He married, in 1742, Lucy, daughter of Hugh Fortescue, of Filleigh, in Devonshire, Esq; by whom he had issue one son, Thomas, (who now succeeds him in title and estate) and a daughter named Lucy. Their mother dying in 1746-7, he married a second time, in 1749, Elizabeth, daughter of Field-Marshal Sir Robert Rich, Bart. by whom he had no issue. His Lordship was one of his Majesty's Most Hon. Privy-Council, F. R. S and son and heir of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, Bart. He was chosen in several parliaments for Oakhampton, in Devon. In 1737 he was appointed Principal Secretary to the Prince of Wales, father of his present Majesty; and in 1744, constituted one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, which he resigned in 1754, on being appointed Cofferer to his Majesty's Household. The same year he was made Privy-Counsellor;

and, in Dec. 1755, having resigned the office of Cofferer to his Majesty's Household, he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer; and in 1757, was created Baron of Frankley. His son Thomas, born on Jan. 30, 1743-4, is married to the widow of the late Col. Peach, in the East-Indies; and his daughter Lucy married Arthur Earl of Anglesey, on May 10, 1767. Lord Lyttelton's disorder was an inflammation of the bowels, which occasioned a very sudden death. An express was sent to his son at Spa, in Germany, for his return. His Lordship celebrated the death of his first wife in a monody, that will be remembered whilst conjugal affection, and a taste for poetry, exist in this country.

23. The Hon. Thomas Pelham, fourth son of Lord Pelham.

Lately, Lady Annabella Stuart, a relation of the late royal family, aged 91 years, at St. Omers.

At Loo, the Hon. Thomas Chambers Cecil, brother to the Earl of Exeter.

28. At Berlin, Princess Frederica Elizabeth Dorothea Henrietta Maria, eldest daughter of Prince Ferdinand of Prussia, in the 12th year of her age.

29. Sir Walter Abington Compton, Bart. at Hartpury-Court, Gloucestershire.

Sept. 3. Master George Benson, only son of Sir William Benson, in St. James's-square.

7. At her house in Dartmouth-row, Lady Maskalinge, relict of the late Sir Thomas Maskalinge, formerly Usher of the Black-Rod to the House of Lords.

11. In Red-Lion-square, Sir Walter Barrowby, late one of the judges in Jamaica.

14. Prince

14. Prince Maximilian de Salm Salm, Lieutenant-General in the Imperial service.

16. At his seat at Langley-Park, in Norfolk, in the 49th year of his age, Sir William Beauchamp Proctor, Bart. and Knight of the Bath.

Lieutenant-General Webb, Col. of the 14th regiment of horse.

At Newcastle, the ingenious Mr. John Cunningham. A man little known; but that will always be much admired, for his plaintive, tender, and natural pastoral poetry.

23. At Bath, of the palsy, Evelyn Pierpoint, Duke of Kingston. His Grace succeeded his grandfather, Evelyn Duke of Kingston, March 5, 1725-6, William, his father, dying in the life-time of his grandfather, at the age of 21, July 1, 1713. His Grace, on July 8, 1738, was constituted Master of the Stag-Hounds on the north of the Trent; and on March 20, 1741, was elected Knight of the Garter, and installed April 21 following, and made one of the Lords of the Bedchamber to his Majesty, which he afterwards resigned. In 1745, on the breaking out of the Rebellion, his Grace raised a regiment of horse for the service of the government. On a promotion of general officers, March 19, 1755, he was constituted major-general, and on Feb. 4, 1759, promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. At the coronation of the present King, Sept. 22, 1761, his Grace carried St. Edward's staff. On Jan. 10, 1763, he was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of the county and town of Nottingham, and on the 29th of the same month, was appointed Steward and Keeper of the forest of Sherwood, and park of Folewood, in Nottinghamshire. His Grace married the

Hon. Miss Chudleigh; in 1769, by whom he had no issue.

Lady Napier, relict of the late Gen. Napier, in Downing-street.

Alexander Earl of Galloway, one of the Lords of Police, at Aix, in Provence, in France, in the 79th year of his age. His Lordship married, first, Lady Anne Keith, second daughter to William, ninth Earl Marshal, by whom he had two sons, who died young, and a daughter, Lady Mary, married to Lord Fortrose, and mother to the present Earl of Seaforth. His Lordship married, secondly, Lady Catharine Cochran, daughter to John, fourth Earl of Dundonald, by whom he has the following issue now alive; 1st, John, Lord Garlies, (now Earl of Galloway) member of parliament for Luggershall, Wiltshire, and one of the Lords of Trade; 2d. The Hon. Keith Stewart, member of parliament for Wigton, and one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to the Duke of Gloucester. 3d, Lady Catharine, married to — Murray, of Broughton, Esq; 4th, Lady Susannah, married to Earl Gower; 5th, Lady Euphemia; 6th, Lady Harriet, married to Lord Archibald Hamilton; 7th, Lady Charlotte, married to Lord Dunmore.

October 2. In Dublin, universally lamented, Lieutenant-Colonel Hawke, of the 62d regiment, second son to Admiral Sir Edward Hawke.

At his house in Rolle-stone-street, the Hon. Charles Howard, son of the late Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire.

8. Sir Narborough D'Aeth, Bart. of Knowlton, Kent.

13. Lady Rich, relict of the late Sir Robert Rich.

18. The Lady of the Hon. Mr. Nassau, brother to the Earl of Rochford.

21. Lady Langham, mother of Sir James Langham, Bart.

22. Sir Charles Hudson, Bart. commander of the Talbot, East-Indiaman.

23. Sir Henry Mackworth, Bart.

At Bromley-Palace, in Kent, aged 70, Mrs. Pearce, the lady of the Bishop of Rochester, to whom she had been married above 50 years.

30. At his seat in Hertfordshire, Sir Thomas Salusbury, LL.D. Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, Chancellor of St. Asaph, and Commissary of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.

31. At his house on St. Peter's-Hill, aged 60, Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knt. Alderman of Bridge-ward without, and Father of the city of London, also one of its representatives in the present parliament, President of Christ's-Hospital, Chairman of the Trustees of the several charity-schools in and about London and Westminster, Colonel of the blue regiment of the city militia, and President of the Artillery company. Sir Robert Ladbroke was elected Alderman of Castle-Baynard ward, Jan. 5, 1740-1, on the death of John Barber, Esq; served the office of Sheriff with Sir William Calvert, in 1743-4, Sir Robert Wertley being then Mayor; he was chosen Lord-Mayor in 1747, elected member of parliament for this city in 1754, as also again in the years 1761 and 1768. Sir Robert has by his will bequeathed 5000l. to each of his married daughters, with whom he gave as a portion 10,000l. and 15000l. to each of his unmarried daughters.

The additional 5000l. to each is secured to their private and peculiar use, without being liable to any coverture. To his son George, who sailed a short time since to the West-Indies, he has bequeathed three guineas a week during life, to be paid only to his own receipt. He has left 200l. to each of his nephews and nieces, and the residue of his estate, supposed to amount to a very considerable sum, to his eldest son Robert.

Nov. 2. The Countess de Delitz, sister to the present Countess-Dowager of Chesterfield, in Chesterfield-street, May-Fair.

8. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. of Dorney-Court, in the county of Bucks.

9. The Princess Anne-Charlotte de Lorraine, sister of the Emperor Charles, Abbess of Remiremont, and Co-adjutress of Thoren and Essen.

In an advanced age, at his house in Golden-square, Sir John Read, Bart.

Sir Alexander Dalmahoy, Bart. at Edinburgh.

12. Lieutenant-General Gore, Col. of the 6th regiment of foot.

17. Of a lingering fever; John Hawkesworth, LL.D. of Bromley, in Kent, the author of several learned and ingenious literary productions.

19. At Leinster-house, in Dublin, James Fitz-Gerald, Duke of Leinster, Marquis and Earl of Kildare, Earl and Baron of Ossaley, premier Marquis, Earl, and Baron of the kingdom of Ireland, and Viscount Leinster, of Taplow, in Great-Britain. He succeeded his father Robert, nineteenth Earl of Kildare, on Feb. 20, 1743. His Grace was born May 29, 1722; created

created Viscount Leinster, of Taplow, in 1746; in 1761, Marquis of Kildare; and in 1766, Duke of Leinster. On February 7, 1746, he married Lady Emilia, second surviving daughter of Charles, second Duke of Richmond, Lenox, and Aubigny, and by her Grace has left issue, William, now Duke of Leinster, and several other children now living. His Grace is succeeded in honours and estates by his eldest son, one of the representatives in parliament for Dublin, for which city he hath acted with the greatest integrity, usefulness, and patriotism, for which the citizens never can pay him too much acknowledgment and honour.

24. In Hill-street, Berkeley-square, aged 80, Dr. Edward Willes, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Joint-Decypherer (with his son Edward Willes, Esq;) to to the King. He was consecrated Bishop of St. David's in 1742, and translated to the see of Bath and Wells in 1743, on the death of Dr. Wynn.

At Cuxham, in Oxfordshire, the Rev. Sir John D'Oyley, Bart. the last male of the Oxford branch of that family, whose ancestor came over with the Conqueror, and built the castle of Oxford.

At Versailles, suddenly, in the presence of the King of France, as his Majesty was at cards, the Marquis de Chavelin.

At Paris, M. de la Beaumelle, celebrated for his writings, and literary quarrels with Voltaire.

28. At Preston, in the 85th year of his age, Joseph Yates, Esq; father of the late worthy Sir Joseph Yates, Knt. one of the Judges of the Court of Common-Pleas.

Dec. 1. At Edinburgh, Lady

Catharine Hay, sister to the Marquis of Tweeddale.

5. Suddenly, as she was entering the drawing-room at Dr. Baker's, in Jermyn-street, on a visit in the evening, Miss Charlotte Buckworth, daughter of Sir Everard Buckworth, Bart.

8. Prince Frederick Henry Charles, eldest son of his Royal Highness Prince Ferdinand of Prussia, at Berlin.

19. In Privy-Gardens, Whitehall, Andrew Stone, Esq; Treasurer to the Queen, and tutor to his Majesty, when Prince of Wales.

Within a few days of each other, at their father's house in Cleveland-court, St. James's, two sons of the Right Hon. Thomas Townsend, junior, Esq;

In the country of the Grisons, Sir James Halliday, aged 102 years.

At West-Ham, the Lady of Sir Gilbert Westcot.

23. At his house in Soho-square, Sir William Elliot, Bart.

28. At his seat in Hertfordshire, of the gout, James Grimston, Viscount Grimston, Baron of Dunboyne, and Baronet. His Lordship was born Oct. 9, 1711, succeeded his father, William, the late and first Viscount, Oct. 15, 1756, and married Mary, daughter of William Bucknall, of Oxhey, in the county of Hertford, Esq; (which Lady was born, April 28, 1717) by whom he has issue, 1. The Hon. James Bucknall, born May 9, 1747; 2. Jane, born Sept. 18, 1748; 3. William, born June 23, 1750; 4. Harbottle, born April 14, 1752; 5. Mary, born May 28, 1753; 6. Susanna Askell, born Sept. 28, 1754; 7. Francis Cook,

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inadequate sum of two thousand pounds; that Lord Sandwich, a nobleman not devoid of honour as a peer, nor destitute of abilities as a man; that he should do this, implied a species of weakness, as well as criminality, which even Lord Sandwich's most inveterate enemies could never on any foundation impute to him. The Attorney-General therefore concluded, that the charge was totally groundless, and being so, the propagator of the scandal deserved exemplary punishment.

The Attorney-General then attacked with virulence the general abuse of the public prints; he called them public nuisances, disgraceful to this country; and that if a person wanted to abuse systematically, he had no more to do than make such publications his vocabulary. He then solemnly assured the jury, that, "in his opinion, the damages, though laid at TEN THOUSAND POUNDS, bore no manner of proportion to the heinousness of the offence."

The Attorney-General having finished, several witnesses were called by the plaintiff's counsel, in proof of Lord Sandwich's being a peer of the realm, a privy-counsellor, and first lord of the admiralty; and one witness proved the publication of the papers.

Serjeant Glynn next arose, and, as counsel for the defendant, he entered into the whole of the case with that spirit, precision, energy, and force of argumentation, which so strikingly characterise this eminent pleader, when, roused at the call of liberty, he chooses to exert himself in her defence. The Serjeant stated at large the case before the court. He insisted, that it was

not the case of a private individual, of a particular printer; it was a direct attack upon the liberty of the press; and every printer in England was concerned in the event; that if the freedom of political discussion was denied to a free people, men in office might commit errors with impunity: they might trample upon the rights of humanity, yet go unpunished: that the charge alledged against the noble Lord in question, if untrue, could not materially injure his interest, nor ought to affect his peace of mind; that it was never understood Lord Sandwich possessed that extreme delicacy, as to be shocked at trifling occurrences, or alarmed at trivial imputations; that his Lordship to be sure had a nice sense of honour, but happy in a spotless character, hitherto unimpeached; happy in an integrity unsullied, his Lordship wrapt in conscious innocence, might defy the shafts of malice to wound his pure, his immaculate breast.

With respect to the "proof of the publication," Serjeant Glynn observed, that it rested on the testimony of a man, whose sole employment it was to act as a "spy upon the press." This disgraceful office, the Serjeant said, had been erected towards the close of the infamous reign of Charles the Second; the office was founded to promote the purposes of tyranny, and to destroy the people's liberties: hence the persons employed in this infamous trade, were generally to the last degree infamous themselves. The man hired to prove this publication of the paper, wherein the supposed libel was contained; this man, the Serjeant contended, was of that stamp, an obscure individual,

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The Substance of the Rev. Mr. Parrott's Evidence.

This gentleman deposed, that "Mrs. Brooke, wife to a clergyman at Norwich, first told him in general, that she had an interest to procure places;" and added, "that if he knew any person capable of presenting her with a handsome douceur, she would use her interest in his favour."

Mr. Hanway's death being at that time likely, Parrott applied to Mr. Corte, and asked him what he thought would be deemed a proper compliment for the place of a Commissioner of the Navy?" Corte replied, "it was not worth more than 2000l.

Mr. Parrott having finished his detail, was asked the following pertinent questions by Mr. Morgan, counsel for the defendant, "Who the person was through whose interest Mrs. Brooke could procure the places?"

Mr. Parrott replied, "Not Lord Sandwich?"

Mr. Dunning facetiously said, "It must be Mr. Breslaw the juggler."

The question was again put, and the counsel insisted on a fair explicit answer. Parrott said, "that the gentleman through whose interest Mrs. Brooke procured the places was a Mr. Friedenburgh, one of the Q—'s German attendants."

Mr. Parrott was then asked, "If he had received or expected any preferment from Lord Sandwich?" answered in the negative. "Did he know him?" the reply was, "I should not know his Lordship, if he was standing here."

The evidence on both sides being thus gone through, the Attorney-General arose, and replied to every part of Mr. Serjeant Glynn's speech: he declared himself a "friend to the liberty of the press, and the freedom of political discussion; but he hoped no man would pretend to call a base attack upon public characters, political discussion."

With respect to the greatness of the damages, he argued thus: "An attempt has been made to ruin Lord Sandwich; the person base enough to make it, dares not stand forth; the printer therefore is the responsible party; and if he is ruined for having aimed at the ruin of another man, he falls only by the hands of "distributive justice."

Mr. Thurlow said, that "the offence was aggravated by the defendant's having in his plea avowed the fact, and pledged himself to prove the truth of the charge. This was stigmatizing Lord Sandwich upon record: and as it was done with a design to intimidate his Lordship from proceeding, so shameless an audacity deserved the severest reprehension."

Mr. Thurlow then concluded, by addressing the jury as men who had "characters to maintain; and he doubted not, as the law was in their hands, they would give every support to the noble Lord, who had appealed to that law in justification of his innocence, labouring under aspersions of the vilest kind."

Lord Mansfield then proceeded to give his charge.

The Substance of Lord Mansfield's Charge to the Jury.

He said, "There were two sorts of prosecutions in matter of libel, criminal and civil.

"In cases of criminal prosecution, the truth or falshood of the charge was totally immaterial, the charge itself being the libel. If a person charges another with felony, forgery, or theft, supposing the charge true in every part, the person is still guilty of a libel; and why? because the law has provided a punishment for such offences: if, therefore, the man is guilty, prosecute him; but to charge him with crimes, is an extra judicial proceeding, and as such may be punished.

"As to civil actions in cases of libel, the matter is otherwise; there the falshood constitutes the crime. In the case of the libel before us, the defendant hath put himself upon proving the truth of the libel: Well! what have the evidences proved? Nothing which affects the plaintiff. Had Corte been Lord Sandwich's agent or secretary, the plaintiff might have been affected by a kind of implication; but that not being the case, and the evidences both concurring to clear Lord Sandwich from having any hand in the business, not the slightest ground appears whereon to accuse the plaintiff. Parrott was very properly asked the name of the person who procured these places: he at first boggled a little, but afterwards mentioned the person.

"With respect to the whole of the evidence, had the plaintiff's council objected to it, such objection would have been well founded,

for undoubtedly it is not evidence *de bene esse*; it goes no farther than to prove a conversation which passed between the parties who delivered it, and a third person; however, the counsel did not at first object to it, though they did afterwards.

"With respect to the publication, that is proved by the witness who bought the paper; and from the returns made by the Stamp-Office, it appears that the defendant was the publisher at the time the libel appeared.

"You will, therefore, Gentlemen, find for the plaintiff; but I shall not say one word about the damages, as you are perfect masters of the case, and will, no doubt, maturely weigh every circumstance of private and public character."

The jury withdrew about a quarter after one: about three they returned, and brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, with TWO THOUSAND POUNDS DAMAGES.

From the evidence delivered on this important trial, it incontestibly appears, that there is a corrupt tampering for the sale of places somewhere; but that Lord Sandwich is entirely innocent of the fact laid to his charge, is manifest, as the proof was not in the smallest degree brought home to him.

On the day of Mr. Hanway's death, which happened soon after the publication of the above letter, the place was given to Mr. March, of the Victualling-Office, who was succeeded at that board by Mr. Gordon, of Rochester.

Some Account of the Trial on the 12th of July, at Guildhall, before Mr. Justice Gould and a Special Jury, between Antonio Fabrigas, a Na-tive

tive of Minorca, and General Mostyn, Governor of that Island.

THE action was brought against General M—— for false imprisonment and banishment of the plaintiff in the year 1771 from Minorca to Carthagená, in the dominions of the King of Spain, without any reasonable or probable cause, and against the plaintiff's will; and the damages were laid at 10,000*l*. The defendant pleaded, 1st, not guilty; 2dly, a special plea of justification, viz. that at the time when the cause of action arose he was Governor of Minorca, and did hold and exercise all the powers, privileges and authorities, civil and military, belonging and relating to the government of the said island; and that the plaintiff was guilty of a riot and disturbance of the peace, and was endeavouring to raise a mutiny and sedition among the inhabitants. To this the plaintiff replied, that the defendant committed the said trespass and assault of his own wrong, and without such causes as he alleged in his plea; and thereupon, issue being joined, the cause was tried.

The plaintiff's case was briefly opened by Mr. Peckham, and enlarged upon by Mr. Searjeant Glynn, who forbore however mentioning any thing but the circumstances of the plaintiff's imprisonment, which he represented as aggravated, by every possible hardship, cruelty, and rigour: He then called five witnesses on behalf of the plaintiff, four of whom were the guard placed over the plaintiff at Minorca. They proved his having been confined in a dungeon, wherein only capital offenders were

used to be kept; all admittance refused to his wife and family, who came to bring him food and bedding, which were also denied him: That he lived upon bread and water during the six days he was in prison, and lay on the bare floor of the prison with no covering over him. The witnesses never remembered any, even the most capital offender, treated with such severity, as they were allowed bedding, and meat and drink. They said the plaintiff lived like a gentleman on the island, and they never heard to the contrary of his being a peaceable, quiet subject. Other witnesses were ready to prove the imprisonment, and likewise his being sent to Carthagená; upon which Mr. Serjeant Davy, one of the counsel for the defendant, got up, and said, it was unnecessary to trouble the court with their evidence, as he readily admitted on the side of the defendant the imprisonment as above stated, and likewise the banishment of the plaintiff. No other evidence being therefore called, Mr. Serjeant Davy addressed the jury in a very long speech, wherein, among other things, he endeavoured to establish the following case for the defendant:

* That the island of Minorca, being formerly part of the dominions of the crown of Spain, by the treaty of Utrecht, in the year 1713, was ceded to the Crown of Great Britain, and has continued part of the dominions of the Crown of Great Britain ever since, except while it was in the possession of the French last war: That, soon after the island was ceded, the inhabitants petitioned to have a confirmation of their privileges, practices and customs, by which the island

had been always governed during the time of the Spanish command, which was accordingly granted to them; but his Majesty in Council has ever since made such regulations for the better management of the internal police of the island as appeared necessary: That it was the construction of one of these regulations that had given rise to the present action. An order of the Privy-Council was made in the year 1752, and transmitted to Minorca, to regulate the sale of wine in the island, which enacted, among other things, 'that the natives and inhabitants be at all times permitted to sell their wine at or under the afforation price (which was a stated regular market price) without any intervention of the Governor, or any person acting under his authority.' That it appeared, however, that this order did not extend to St. Philip's, the district of the island, in which the plaintiff Fabrigas lived. Within that district the Governor had from time to time made such regulations with respect to the sale of wine as to him appeared proper; and at that very time, in the year 1771, an order of Governor Johnson's was in force, which only allowed a certain number of wine houses to be opened at a time; and that the inhabitants should ballot for the selling of their wine. There is an Officer called Mustafaph, in this district, whose duty it is to inspect and regulate the several markets, and to grant licences for the sale of wine; and it was pretended that he had behaved to the plaintiff in a manner inconsistent with the duty of his office, by refusing him the liberty of selling his wine under the afforation price, and therefore a com-

plaint was exhibited by Fabrigas to the defendant, Governor M——, against the Mustafaph; wherein he asserted his demand to be very reasonable, and conformable to the express disposition of the order of the year 1752, which says, 'that the inhabitants shall be permitted to sell at the price of the afforation or under it.' The Governor ordered the Mustafaph to answer this charge, which he did to the Governor's satisfaction. Fabrigas upon this presented a second petition to the Governor, which being referred to the Law-officers of the island, they made an unfavourable report of it. Upon which he presented a third, complaining of the Judges, and seemed determined to force Governor M—— to take some steps against him, of which he might take an undue advantage. This having no effect, he presented a fourth to the Governor's Aid de Camp, and told him, that he would back it, or get it backed, by 150 or 200 men, at the head of whom he would come to the Governor's the next day for an answer. This message being told to the Governor, it alarmed him much, and, as he knew the turbulent disposition of the plaintiff, he conceived it as a menacing and hostile purpose, and therefore the next day called a council of his officers, who were unanimously of opinion, that the plaintiff was a dangerous person, and that mutiny and sedition would arise if he continued longer in the island; upon which he was seized, imprisoned, and at the end of six days sent out of the island to Carthagená.

This was the matter and substance of the defence. Serjeant Davy talked a great deal besides about

about the characters of the plaintiff and defendant, and said, that some of the most respectable personages in the kingdom were ready (if found necessary) to prove the humane, tender, and amiable character of the Governor, meaning a list of 26 noblemen and gentlemen who were subpoenaed for that purpose; whereas the evidence produced would prove the plaintiff to be a dissolute immoral person, of a seditious and turbulent nature and disposition. The witnesses on behalf of the defendant, viz. James Wright, Esq; Secretary to the Governor; John Pleydell, Esq; his Aid de Camp; Robert Hudson, Esq; Fort Adjutant, &c. were then called, who proved the facts stated in Serjeant Davy's speech, and spoke to the badness of the plaintiff's character, and the excellency of the defendant's. They deposed likewise that the authority of the Governor was arbitrary and unlimited on the island—that his proclamations had the force of laws, and inflicted penalties and punishments on such as dared to disobey them.

Serjeant Glynn then arose, and made his reply to the following effect: 'That, since he had addressed the Court and Jury last, the cause had been perplexed and purposely directed from its true meaning, to an enquiry foreign to the real question; which question was, whether the plaintiff, a subject of Great Britain, circumstanced as has been proved, was entitled to have redress for the injuries he had suffered from an English Jury?—That every consideration of the characters of plaintiff and defendant, other than what arose from the case then under consideration, should be dis-

missed from the attention of the Jury; that he had made no malicious or uncandid enquiries into Governor M——'s character, nor pretended to question the existence of those virtues and excellencies, that his advocates and adherents had so liberally expatiated upon and held up to public view, nor made any comment upon his behaviour but such as of necessity resulted from the present question—that he should have been happy had the same caution and circumspection been observed on the other side, instead of that ungenerous mode of procedure which he now complained of. A native of Minorca, though a subject of England, yet a stranger to our country, our language and customs, comes here to seek redress from an English Jury for his cruel and ill treatment abroad in the court where his adversary's defence is made; a principal article of that defence is the plaintiff's immoral and flagitious character.—This unhappy foreigner is thought not to have suffered a sufficient degree of punishment by his rigorous confinement in the dungeon, and banishment from his native country, and the society of his family and friends, but new modes of torture are added.—His domestic character is ransacked—he is charged with crimes which arraign his conduct as a father, a husband, a citizen—he is most ignominiously traduced by every method of illegal cruelty, more fatal to his repose and happiness than the utmost excess of corporal sufferings.—In such a case as this, the Serjeant said, 'he felt somewhat beyond the line of an advocate'—the feelings of humanity were warmly interested on the occasion, and he hoped they would

would not claim the attention of the Jury in vain.

The defence however, set up and principally urged in behalf of General Mostyn, is that the plaintiff is a dangerous and seditious man; that his behaviour was such as threatened even the loss of the island; that he pursued Governor M—— with an improper importunity, and endeavoured to avail himself of a popular disaffection among the Minorquins to the English government; that he threatened to come at the head of 150 or 200 men to receive an answer to his last petition, as if he meant to appear at the head of an armed force; that the island would have been in danger had the plaintiff continued in it; the defendants Council should certainly have proved the existence, or, at least, the probability of such considerations, before they proceeded to vindicate his conduct upon them. The plaintiff's petitions to the Governor have been read in Court; they are expressed in very submissive and respectable terms, and do not convey the least idea of a seditious or turbulent purpose. The charge of his saying that he would appear at the head of 150 or 200 men is sufficiently explained even by one of the defendant's own witnesses, Mr. Pleydell, who says that he did not think the plaintiff meant by such a declaration any hostile or mutinous purpose, but merely intended to produce that body of men to shew that he was not singular in his wish to have Governor Johnson's regulation altered, but that the said 150 or 200 men were of the same opinion with him and would back his petition: That, if any different construction could be or was put

upon this declaration, an enquiry should certainly have been made after this body of men, and the Governor not have rested satisfied with the punishment inflicted on the plaintiff as long as he thought that the plaintiff had 150 or 200 adherents behind him in arms mutinous and disaffected: Had the Governor conceived the island to have been in any danger (which his Counsel declare he did, and that he was driven to act as he did in consequence of such an opinion) is it probable to believe that he made no enquiry after this body of malecontents? That the plaintiff had acted upon no other motive than that warmth of inclination which every man must feel who knows himself injured, and has the mortification to find, as an addition to his sufferings, his complaints unheard, and his grievances unredressed. Even if his warmth had betrayed him into some unguarded behaviour or language (which however had not been proved) still the defendant's conduct towards him was not justifiable, and even if the law of Spain allowed his being banished from his native place of residence, yet it gave no sanction to the cruelty of his previous imprisonment, nor justified the severity of his being punished without even the ceremony of judicial process. In this the form as well as spirit of law was lost. That such illegal punishment without the forms of trial or judicial examination, and inflicted merely upon report, required great and exemplary damages. The defence of Governor M——, the Serjeant said, was guarded by a prefatory vindication of the defendant's conduct, which declines the jurisdiction

jurisdiction of an English Jury, and tells them that such conduct was strictly conformable to the rules and maxims of arbitrary power, and therefore not cognizable by their authority and jurisdiction; that, if arbitrary power is avowed and exercised in any part of the British dominions, a British tribunal is not to examine into and punish it; but the true reason why Governor M—— tells the Jury that they are incompetent for the examination of this question, is because this is the tribunal he must ever dread, as this it is which has always been the terror of evil ministers and the scourge of arbitrary power. He then proved in an able manner that the consideration of the Jury should be built on a broad and extensive foundation, and said that the power of the King could never be delegated to a Governor of even a conquered island to alter laws in an arbitrary manner; and that, if such a construction was put to a patent that passed the seal, he hoped to see the day when the Minister that passed such patent should answer it with his head, it being repugnant to every idea of law and justice; that, if this power had been long acquiesced in and established on the island, it was now high time to put a stop to it, as no precedent could justify oppression, nor give a sanction to the illegal exercise of authority; and that if no other method could be found out to secure the island, and preserve our trade in the Mediterranean, but the exercise of that power which was now the subject of complaint, he freely gave his consent that the whole should be sacrificed, and would admit of no idea of preference to purchase or

preserve them at the expence of humanity, justice, and law; that a Governor could not act in a legislative capacity without receiving instructions from home, the union of the legislative and executive authority being an union that the law abhorred; and that a Bashaw of Egypt would have lost his head had he presumed to act in the manner Governor M—— had done. He then enlarged upon the evidence given to prove the defendant's conduct justifiable under the Spanish laws, and after very severely commenting upon the circumstance of a number of red coats coming to tell an English Jury what was law at Minorca, and remarking on the miserable state of those wretched lawyers who lived in an island where laws are unnecessary, (if the idea of the Governor's absolute power be admitted) and their slavish doctrines and opinion that the Governor's power extended over this unhappy man in any shape that he pleased, so that immediate execution, perpetual imprisonment, or the most painful death that inventive torture could inflict, would have been as justifiable to the full as banishment. He answered the argument alledged on the other side, that the island of Minorca would be a very insecure possession, unless military discipline and the strictest system of authority was adhered to, by declaring it to be his opinion that the affections of the Minorquins would be sooner and more easily reconciled to our government by admitting them, with the other subjects of Great Britain, to a free participation of the privilege of having their complaints heard, and their grievances redressed by the verdict of a British Jury,

Jury, and by their being taught the blessings of the English law, than by their being kept under the rigour of military discipline, and being ruled by the coercive sway of a rod of iron.'

This was the material part of the Serjeant's reply. Mr. Justice Gould then summed up the evidence to the Jury with minuteness and accuracy; he hinted his opinion that the defendant should have pleaded in abatement to the jurisdiction of courts, how far a Governor of a conquered island, which island had petitioned for a continuance of their native laws, was amenable before an English judicature at Guildhall, on the complaint of a native of such conquered island, and how the jurisdiction of such court had cognizance of the complaint. Towards the conclusion of his speech, he observed how very necessary it certainly was for the Governor of an island, answerable with his life for the proper execution of the important trust committed to his charge, to check the first seeds and appearance of mutiny and sedition in the island—but at the same time spoke much in favour of that express provision in Magna Charta, which says, *Nullus liber homo exuletur*, and mentioned Lord Coke's opinion that the King cannot even send a man Lord Lieutenant to Ireland against his will, since that might be only a more honourable banishment. He however humourously observed, that there were few, he believed, who would, in the present age, recoil at the royal proposal. He entered a little into the doctrine of conquered islands, and the laws relating to them; but, as he forbore being decisive on the point, his observation is here omitted.

The Jury then withdrew, and in about two hours time brought in their verdict for Mr. Fabrigas the plaintiff, with 3000*l.* damages.

The defendant's Counsel then tendered a bill of exceptions, which is in the nature of a writ of error, lying to the court of King's Bench; which after some altercation was admitted, and remains to be argued before the judges of the court of King's-Bench, wherein the validity of the jurisdiction of the court, and the objections stated by Mr. Gould, will be examined into and decided.

Summary of the Proceedings at Guildhall on the Trial relative to the Refractory Companies.

ON Wednesday, the 14th of July, came on, upon the hustings at Guildhall, the long-depending and important cause between the Common Serjeant of the city of London, plaintiff, and Samuel Plumbe, Esq; Prime Warden (or Master) of the company of Goldsmiths, defendant. This suit was instituted against the defendant on occasion of his refusal to obey a precept, issued in the year 1770, by the then Lord-Mayor, (Mr. Beckford) to convene the livery of the said company to a common-hall.

The cause was opened in a brief manner by Mr. Allen, on the part of the plaintiff.

Mr. Dunning then entered more minutely into the business, and spoke for near two hours. He acquainted the jury, that the charge brought against the defendant was a wilful disobedience of that authority, to which (in the present case)

case) he was bound, both as a liveryman and a Freeman, to pay a submission; that the defendant acknowledged the charge, but pleaded in his justification, that the company of Goldsmiths were possessed of a prerogative, which in some instances (particularly the present) exempted them from submission to the mandates of the Lord-Mayor; that the defendant also attempted to justify himself on the plea, that the Lord-Mayor had no authority to call a common-hall, save for the purpose of elections of members of parliament, Lord-Mayor, Sheriffs, &c. that, in order to invalidate this defence, extracts from the city Records should be read to them, from whence it would clearly appear, that the Lord-Mayors of London had, from the earliest periods, been invested with that power which the defendant pretended, on the present occasion, to deny the existence of.

The city records were then produced, and many extracts from them were read, tending to prove the authority of the Lord-Mayor to convene a common-hall for other purposes than simply those of elections. These extracts being gone through, Mr. Serjeant Burland rose, and in a very masterly speech (which lasted for above an hour) in answer to Mr. Dunning, entered upon his client's defence. The defendant's council having finished their pleadings, Mr. Dunning next rose, and made a final reply to their arguments.

'Either, said Mr. Dunning, the precept was a lawful one, or it was not. If it was a lawful one, disobedience on the part of the defendant was to the last degree cri-

minal, and flatly contradictory to the oath he must have taken when admitted to the freedom of the city, the form of which oath runs thus, 'obedient and obeisant ye shall be to the Mayor;' was flying in the face of legal authority by disobeying the precept of the Mayor. Was this a way of conforming to the purport of the oath? Was this to be 'obedient' and 'obeisant' to the chief magistrate? But even disobedience to the commands of a superior might in some cases be excused, such as where the disobedience happened by accident, was an oversight, and not in any degree the effect of predilection; yet Mr. Plumbe's disobedience was wilful, it was contumacious, and such as, if permitted to pass with impunity, would overturn all order, and destroy that subordination essential to the existence of every corporate body. Thus the matter stood if the precept was a lawful one, and Mr. Plumbe's disobedience wilful; if on the contrary the defendant, by his counsel, should shew either that the precept was not a lawful one, or that Mr. Plumbe's disobedience was not wilful, then the prosecution must necessarily fall to the ground.'

Mr. Dunning, however, observed, that he would save his learned brethren on the opposite side the trouble of attempting to prove a negative, by himself proving, as the proof lay upon him, the affirmative, viz. 'That the precept was a lawful one.'

This task Mr. Dunning executed by quoting a multiplicity of cases from the Refertory book, all demonstratively shewing that similar precepts had, in former times, been

issued by the Mayor, for convening the livery on other purposes than that of elections; that implicit obedience had always been paid to such precepts, consequently their validity was established by prescription, their legality acknowledged by the subjection so readily yielded to them.

Mr. Dunning next recognized the other matters alledged in the defendant's plea, relative to the 'antiquity of the Goldsmiths company, and their power to make bye laws for the government of their own members.'

This proposition Mr. Dunning thus combated :

'As to bye laws, undoubtedly every company has a right to frame such as shall more immediately conduce to the good government of the company; amongst every society of men bye laws are framed, are admitted; but then the bye laws must be such as do not clash with that relation in which a single company stand to the city at large; a relation which is as a part to the whole; the bye laws therefore of every company are framed for internal government; but will any man pretend to say that exigencies may not arise wherein it would be highly proper to take the sense, not of this or that company, but of the city bodies at large? And how shall this sense be taken, unless a power of convening is supposed to reside somewhere? But if the necessity of the existence of such a power be admitted, where ought it to reside, in whose hands ought it to be entrusted? From every consideration of policy and of wisdom, the power of convening should reside in the chief magistrate, who should be allowed to judge when

and how far the exercise of such power may conduce to the welfare of the whole.

'To suppose the Goldsmiths or any other company to be self-existent, independent, subject to no laws but those of its own will, to allow this is to suppose a part to bear no relation to, but to be altogether independent of, the whole; a proposition which carries absurdity upon the very face of it! A proposition which, if admitted, would strike at the very existence of the city as a corporation! For the different companies, like so many component parts, make but one whole; they form, in an aggregate sense, the corporation. It is not when apart that the corporation is discernible, but when the members are assembled in convention: So that a power of convening is not only essential to the existence, but is also involved in the very idea of a corporation.

Mr. Serjeant Burland in the course of his pleadings having remarked, that the instances produced by Mr. Dunning from the city records were but few in number, Mr. Dunning replied, 'That as to the paucity of instances the gentleman had no right to complain; Quevedo (says he) when, in the romance, he is made to visit hell, he saw several Kings there, and expressing his surprize that he saw no more, his guide told him, there were all that had ever reigned;—and I have brought all the instances which are to be produced.'

The whole was then recommended to the most serious attention of the jury by the Recorder, who summed up the evidence; and the jury, after a deliberation of about

about three quarters of an hour, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff.

Some Account of the remarkable Trial of Major-General Gansel, on Tuesday, September 14, on the Black Act, for firing a Case of Pistols at three Bailiffs.

AT half past eight in the morning, judge Nares, the Lord-Mayor, Alderman Stephenson, the town serjeant, and other city officers being upon the bench, Major-General Gansel was arraigned at the bar of the Old-Bailey sessions-house, for wilfully and maliciously shooting off a pistol at James Hyde, with an intention to kill or maim the said Hyde. On his pleading *not guilty* to the indictment, the evidence for the prosecution were sworn; the first of them was James Hyde, who deposed, that having a warrant against the prisoner, at the suit of Mr. Lee, surgeon, for 140l. he went in company with the plaintiff and several other sheriff's officers to Mrs. Mayo's in Craven-street in the Strand, the 26th of August last, between two and three in the afternoon, and enquired of Mrs. Mayo if General Gansel was at home; upon hearing that he was, he went up stairs, and on the stairs he met two boys, Henry and James Ashfield, the General's servants, one of whom held a knife in his hand, and swore that if he or any person offered to come up, he would rip their belly open; that they knocked the knife out of the boy's hand, and pushed him and his companion down stairs; that they went up higher, and saw the general on one of the landing

places; that as soon as they came within three feet of him, the deponent directly pulled out his writ and read it to him; the General went immediately into his room and tried to shut the door, but that he, the deponent, got his knee between the door and the door-post, and touched the General on his right shoulder; that the General took a pistol (he supposed out of a chair in his room) and fired it at him; that he struggled hard to get in; that the General declared he would not be taken; that he had five or six more pistols, and standing with his back to the door, raised his left hand over his right shoulder; and fired through the door at his head, but that the ball missed him, and took off part of the hat of Thomas Felthouse, who stood behind him; that after a farther struggle the General fell down, and he and his companions dragged him to the stair-case, where he held by the bannisters, which breaking with his weight, he tumbled down the stairs, and was got into the coach, which conveyed him to the lock-up-house of James Armstrong, a sheriff's officer, in Carey-street.

Thomas Felthouse, and Thomas Hyde (brother of James Hyde) were next sworn, each of whom differed very essentially in their evidence, but both declared that they never saw the General till they saw him in his room; one swore that the door was quite open, and the other, that it was so much open that James Hyde was in the General's room, and he, the witness, was following him in when the General fired. Felthouse said, the General's face was turned towards the door. They all three declared that they were unarmed; that

that though there were so many of them it was merely accidental, but that nevertheless they were aware General Gansel was a man not easily to be taken. This was the substance of the evidence brought in support of the indictment.

After it was gone through, and the necessary cross examinations made by the counsel for the defendant, the General was called upon from the bench for his defence, when he pulled out a paper, and read it to the court; the contents of it were exceedingly probable, very judiciously arranged, and delivered with a decent and manly tone of voice.

The General totally denied his being out of his room when the bailiffs came, or that his door ever was open after they came up, till they forced the lock, and by violence obtained admission into his apartment. He lamented that his circumstances had of late been so embarrassed, and his situation so disagreeable, that he always kept his door locked, and used the utmost caution about going out or in; that he had for a number of years had apartments at Mrs. Mayo's; that he paid for them by the year, and he conceived he was legally warranted to suppose an apartment yearly paid for, to be in every respect like a house; that by law every man's house was his castle, and he had kept his door locked, conceiving it a legal security against every attack; that the bailiffs knocked at his door, and asked if Mr. Mayo was there, when he answered them he was below stairs, and that was not Mr. Mayo's apartment; that they went down stairs, and returned again after he had learnt from his servant who the persons were who had put the said question to him; that as soon as

they returned, they threatened to blow his brains out if he did not open the door; that therefore his first pistol was fired through the door with a hope to terrify the bailiffs from their attempt to take him, and the second went off in his fall, having his back against the door when they forced it open. He concluded by observing, that the laws of his country had secured several privileges to the subject; that he thought his privileges violently infringed by the officers, and he had acted merely in his own defence, without any design to commit murder, or maim a fellow-subject. In corroboration of this defence, several witnesses were sworn.

Henry Ashfield, the lad who met the prosecutor on the stairs, deposed, that he was servant to the General; that his master had been out in the forenoon as far as Kensington-gardens; that he came home much fatigued with his walk; that he immediately put on his night-gown, and laid him down on the bed; that he (Henry Ashfield) was employed in cutting bread and butter, and preparing a salad, (the only food his master took when he thought himself ill) at the time the bailiffs entered the house; that his master sent him down to know who it was that had enquired at the door of his apartments for Mr. Mayo; that on his return he found the door of his master's room locked, that he told him Mr. Lee and some ruffians were there; that he was met as he went down the stair-case by James Hyde, who presented a pistol to him and his brother, knocked him down, and swore he would blow their brains out, if they did not let him and his companions pass.

James

James Ashfield's testimony agreed principally with his brother's, and he declared, that when he went down stairs, the General bid him take notice he *locked the door*, which he heard his master do.

Mrs. Mayo deposed, that when Hyde, and those who were with him, came into her parlour to ask for the General, a double-barrelled pistol lay on a dumb waiter, which Hyde, contrary to her earnest entreaty, took, and did not return till the next day.

Mr. Vickars gave a very good reason to the court for believing the door was shut when the first pistol was fired, as the mark on the wall, made by the ball, was in a strait (or horizontal) line with the orifice in the pannel.

Mrs. Sanders saw the hole in the door-post, made by the second ball, and conjectured the door must be *shut* at that time, as the *edge* of it was burnt by the powder, and when shut, formed a sort of circle.

Mrs. Mayo corroborated the evidence of the lock being broke; and some other witnesses strengthened the credibility of Vickars and Sanders's depositions, that the hole in the door was not oblique, but horizontal; and mentioned several other circumstances, tending to evince that the door was fastened.

The examination of witnesses being gone through, and the arguments of the counsel finished, Mr. Justice Nares summed up the evidence on both sides, with a very great number of judicious and pertinent remarks, some of which were in substance as follows:

He observed, that no subject was above the laws; that in their eye all men are equal; that the prisoner was not to be looked on as

a general officer, nor was his situation in life to influence their verdict; the poorest individual found the laws provided to remedy his grievances, as readily as those of his superiors; a prisoner, therefore, was no farther guilty, than the penal guilt the law had clothed the crime with, the commission of which was brought in charge against him, and he was clear from that guilt, till full legal proof was adduced to fix the actual commission of the crime on his person; that the General's plea respecting the security of his own house, was indisputably sound doctrine, the fact alledged against him was nevertheless of a very enormous nature—a resistance with a deadly weapon, to those employed in the execution of a civil process:—but, in his apprehension, the extent, aggravating circumstances, and enormity of any offence, ought ever to influence a jury to be exceedingly cautious in their credit of the sort of evidence brought in support of the prosecution, and increase the probability of the matters urged on the side of the defence; that therefore he thought it his duty to observe to them, that, considering the evidence of the two Hydes and Felthouse by itself, without once looking to what the witnesses for the prisoner had sworn, it was altogether so improbable and contradictory, that it deserved but little credit, when the life of a man depended on the degree of belief given to it. They had all sworn they had no arms, and James Hyde had sworn, that he saw the General on the stairs, and deliberately read his writ to him, and yet that he could get no farther into the room, than his knee between the door and the

whereas Mr. Hyde very well knew, and he believed the General was not ignorant, that if he had tapped him on the shoulder, it would have been a very good arrest. James Hyde also swore, that he saw the General lift up his left arm, and fire over his left shoulder: how was it possible he should see this, with only his knee in the room? Felthouse had sworn that he never saw the General, till he saw him in his own apartment, and that he fired his pistol directly at his person.

On the other hand, when the evidence against the prosecution was looked to, the whole matter sworn against the prisoner must be destroyed, if what was deposed in his defence was credited. Mrs. Mayo had positively declared they took a double-barrelled pistol from her parlour, to go up to the General. Ashfield, the General's servant, had positively swore they presented the pistol to him, and threatened to blow his brains out, if he did not let them pass; he had also positively swore, that he had previously informed his master who was coming up to him, and had found his door locked when he gave him that notice. And another witness had, with equal earnestness, declared, that the box of the lock was evidently forced from the door, and that the hole made by the pistol shot, was horizontal, neither inclining upwards nor downwards. In the first place, there was in this evidence for the prisoner, a direct denial of the most material circumstance, viz. whether the door was or was not locked; there was, from Mrs. Mayo, a direct denial of the bailiffs being unarmed; and the General's servant had confirmed

the denial; and it was in the highest degree ridiculous, to imagine that General Gansel, who was well aware of his embarrassed circumstances, and knew the necessity of using great caution, should be at large on the stair-case; and if he was, and the door was open, why was the lock forced? Again, if the door was open only two inches, the hole made by the pistol cou'd not have been even and direct, but must necessarily have been oblique, whereas it was fully proved that it was horizontal; nor was it probable that the prisoner, who was a very lusty man, should fire in the position the evidence for the prosecution had described, directly through the door, which shot could not possibly be believed to be aimed at the prosecutor's head, he being five feet nine, and the perforation of the door only four feet nine inches from the ground. He must, firing thus behind him, have shot out of a level, and not horizontally.

Justice Nares told the jury, that firing upon a mixed assembly would, if proved, in trying on an indictment for murder, be sufficient to convict, but that the General was now trying on a particular act of parliament, and that he must be proved to have sinned particularly against the meaning of that act of parliament before he could be convicted. That from the evidence for the prosecution, it was evident he had not so sinned; for if he stood in the position James Hyde described, it was not possible he could tell who he fired at; and if the evidence for the defence was credited, the door being shut, it was also evident that he could not tell who he fired at, not having seen the persons behind the door; and two

of the witnesses had positively sworn he fired his pistol at each of them.

After a number of very humane and well-founded observations, he informed the jury, that they were to judge merely from the evidence before them; that they were to attend to his remarks no farther than they corresponded with their own opinion; and if they credited the evidence for the prosecution, and thought his observations unjust, they must necessarily bring the prisoner in guilty; if, on the other hand, they joined in opinion with him, and believed that the matter sworn in evidence for the defence was the truth, they must acquit him. The Judge finished his charge nearly at six o'clock. The jury did not go out of court, but after consulting together for a few minutes, brought in their verdict NOT GUILTY.—They gave the same verdict also to the two other indictments, which they were informed rested on the same evidence. On hearing the verdict, some of the persons present as auditors, clapped their hands. Serjeant Davy very properly noticed the indecency of such conduct in a court of solemn judicature; and declared he was sure the General thanked the court and the jury, but not those persons, who could so far forget the decency of behaviour necessary to be observed on such an occasion.

General Gansel, after declaring he had trusted to the good ground he stood upon, only brought two general officers to his character, made a low bow, and retired from the bar. He was indulged with a chair during the trial; he is a corpulent man, about fifty years of age,

The counsel on the side of the prosecution, were Mr. Lucas and Mr. Howarth; on that of the General, Serjeant Davy, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Murphy.

Upon a motion being made by the General's counsel, he was allowed a copy of the indictment.

Abstract of an ACT for the better preventing the counterfeiting, clipping, and other diminishing the Gold Coin of this kingdom.

IT is mentioned, in the preamble to this act, that as the preventing the currency of clipped and unlawfully diminished and counterfeit money, is a more effectual means to preserve the coin of this kingdom entire and pure, than the most rigorous laws for the punishment of such as diminish or counterfeit the same; and as, by the known laws of this kingdom, no person ought to pay, or knowingly tender in payment, any counterfeit or unlawfully diminished money, and all persons may not only refuse the same, but may, and by the ancient statutes and ordinances of this kingdom have been required to destroy and deface the same, and more particularly the tellers in the receipt of the exchequer, by their duty and oath of office, are required to receive no money but good and true; and, to the end the same might be the better discerned and known by the ancient course of the said receipt of the Exchequer, all money ought to be received there by weight, as well as tale; and as, by an act, passed in the ninth and tenth years of William III. provisions are made for preventing the currency of clipped and counterfeit silver

silver money, but respecting the gold money no provision is there made; it is therefore hereby declared and enacted,

That it is and shall be lawful for any person to whom any gold money shall be tendered, any piece or pieces whereof shall be diminished, otherwise than by reasonable wearing, or that by the stamp, impression, colour, or weight thereof, he shall suspect to be counterfeit, to cut, break, or deface, such piece or pieces; and if any piece so cut, broken, or defaced, shall appear to be diminished (otherwise than by reasonable wearing) or counterfeit, the person tendering the same shall bear the loss thereof; but if the same shall be of due weight, and appear to be lawful money, the person that cut, broke, or defaced the same, shall, and is hereby required to take and receive the same at the rate it was coined for.

All questions and disputes arising, whether the piece so cut be counterfeit or diminished, are to be finally determined by the mayor, bailiff, or bailiffs, or other chief officer of any city or town corporate, where such tender shall be made; and if such tender shall be made out of any city or town corporate, then by some justice of the peace of the county, inhabiting or being near the place where such tender shall be made; and the said mayor, or other chief officer, and justice of the peace, shall have full power and authority to administer an oath, as he shall see convenient, to any person, for the determining any questions relating to the said piece.

The tellers of the Exchequer are to cut or deface gold money that is

counterfeit or unlawfully diminished; and the better to discover this counterfeit or unlawfully diminished gold money from that which is good and true, they are to weigh in whole sums, or otherwise, all gold money by them received; and if the same, or any piece thereof, shall, by the weight, or otherwise, appear to be counterfeit, or unlawfully diminished, the same shall not be received by them, nor allowed them upon their respective accounts.

Abstract of an Act for the better regulating the Assize, and making of Bread.

THE preamble to this act sets forth, that as, according to the ancient custom of the realm, there hath been, from time immemorial, a standard wheaten bread, made of flour, being the whole produce of the wheat whereof it was made; and as by an act of the 3d year of the reign of his present Majesty, for explaining and amending an act of 31 Geo. II. two sorts of bread, made of wheat only, are allowed to be made for sale; that is, wheaten and household; whereby the flour, being the whole produce of the wheat, is so divided in the making of bread for sale, as that this standard wheaten bread, made according to the ancient order and custom of the realm, could be no longer made for sale: and, as household bread, such as is intended by the said act of Geo. II. to be made for sale, is not generally made for sale, whereby, and for want of the said standard, wheaten bread being continued, many inconveniences have arisen, and many of

of the inferior classes of the people, more especially, have been under a necessity of buying bread at a higher price than they could afford, to their great hurt and detriment; for remedy thereof, it is hereby enacted, that after September 29, 1773, a bread made of the flour of wheat, which flour, without any mixture or division, shall be the whole produce of the grain, the bran or hull thereof only excepted, and which shall weigh three fourth parts of the weight of the wheat whereof it shall be made, may be, at all times, and is hereby allowed to be made, baked, exposed to sale, and shall be called and understood to be a standard wheaten bread.

The makers of this bread for sale, are to mark every loaf with the capital letters S. W. and, though no assize of bread be set of the weight, they are to make and sell the same in the following proportions: That is, every standard wheaten peck loaf shall always weigh 17lb. 6oz. avoirdupois; every half-peck loaf, 8lb. 11 oz. and every quartern loaf 4lb. 5 oz. and half of an ounce avoirdupois; and every peck loaf, and quartern loaf, shall always be sold, as to price, in proportion to each other respectively; and where wheaten and household bread, made as the law now directs, shall be sold at the same time, together with this standard wheaten bread, they are to be sold in respect of, and in proportion to each other, as follows: that is, that the same weight of wheaten bread as costs 8d. the same weight of this standard wheaten bread shall cost 7d. and the same weight of household bread shall cost 6d. or seven standard wheaten assized loaves shall weigh equal to eight wheaten assized

loaves, or to six household assized loaves of the same price, as near as may be.

This standard wheaten bread is not to be sold as priced loaves, at one and the same time, together with assized loaves of the same standard wheaten bread.

Magistrates are, when they think proper, to set the assize, and fix the price of bread, the bakers allowance for baking being included.

After September 29, 1773, makers of bread for sale shall be liable to the same pains, penalties, and forfeitures, in all respects whatsoever, for any misdemeanor or neglect, in regard to the said standard wheaten bread, as they are liable to by the laws now in being in respect to wheaten or household bread.

The miller or mealman, selling adulterated flour, shall forfeit the penalties directed by 31 Geo. II.

Where magistrates shall have set an assize on the price of standard and wheaten bread, as directed by this act, other persons authorized may omit fixing the price of any other sort of bread.

After September 29, 1773, justices, at their quarter sessions, may prohibit for three months the baking or selling other bread than standard wheaten; but no such order shall take place till one calendar month, at least, after the making thereof. A copy of such order is to be put up in some market-town, or inserted in some public newspaper; but the company of bakers of London, or of any other city, county, division, district, town, or place, may offer objections against such prohibition, at the time when the justices shall have it under consideration.

Wheaten loaves of the price of
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1 d. or 2 d. may be made and sold, according to act 31 Geo. II.

No assize is to be set on coarser bread, if sold at a lower price, as directed by act 31 Geo. II. but where any baker of bread shall sell coarse bread at the assized household bread price, he shall be liable to the penalties inflicted by law; and magistrates are to have the same powers relative to the making or selling of bread, as they may have by any law now in being, and they are entitled to all the privileges and protections of the laws in being relative to the making and selling of bread: but this act is not to extend to prejudice the right or custom of the city of London, or Lords of Leet; nor is it to prejudice the ancient right or custom of the Dean of St. Peter, Westminster, or the High Steward of the city of Westminster, and the liberties thereof, or his deputy; or the ancient right of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

All the laws now in being for regulating the price of bread, are to remain in full force; and, where the chief magistracy of a corporation is vested in two bailiffs, one of them is to set an assize on bread.

Extract from the Will of the late Right Hon. Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield. The Will, which is engrossed on seven skins of parchment, is dated June 4; 1772. The Codicil is dated Feb. 11, 1773. The Executors are Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. K. B. now Sir Charles Thomson, Beaumont Hotham, Esq; and Lovel Stanhope, Esq;

I Philip Dormer, Earl of Chesterfield, seriously considering the

uncertainty of human life in the best, and more particularly of my own in my declining state of health, do, while in a sound state of mind, make this my last Will and Testament, intending to dispose of all my worldly affairs, not as humour may prompt, but as justice and equity seem to direct. I most humbly recommend my soul to the extensive mercy of that Eternal, Supreme, Intelligent Being who gave it me; most earnestly, at the same time, deprecating his justice. Satiated with the pompous follies of this life, of which I have had an uncommon share, I would have no posthumous ones displayed at my funeral, and therefore desire to be buried in the next burying-place to the place where I shall die, and limit the whole expence of my funeral to 100l.—I give, devise, and bequeath, all my manors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, which I am seized of, interested in, or intitled to, within the counties of Bucks, Bedford, Hertford, Derby, and Nottingham, to the use of my godson Philip Stanhope, Esq; son of my kinsman Arthur Stanhope, Esq; deceased, and his assigns, for and during the term of his natural life, without impeachment of waste. Apply the clear yearly sum of 2500l. for the maintenance and education of my said godson Philip Stanhope during his minority. And I do declare, that I have directed the said clear yearly sum of 2500l. to be paid and applied to and for the use and benefit of my said godson, to the intent that he may go and reside abroad, at such place or places as the persons herein after named, who are to superintend the education of my said godson, shall think

think proper; and to enable my said godson to pursue his travels through France, Germany, Flanders, and Holland, and even the Northern Courts, if he please, with decency; but I will and desire that he by no means go into Italy, which I look upon now to be the foul sink of illiberal manners and vices. And I desire that my noble friend, Francis Earl of Huntingdon, and the said Sir Charles Hotham, shall have the absolute direction of the education of my said godson Philip Stanhope, until he shall attain his age of twenty-one years, as I know no persons more capable of giving him the sentiments and manners of a gentleman. The several devises and bequests herein before and herein after given by me to and in favour of my said godson Philip Stanhope, shall be subject to the condition and restriction herein after mentioned; that is to say, that, in case my said godson Philip Stanhope shall at any time hereafter keep, or be concerned in the keeping of any race-horse or race-horses, or pack or packs of hounds, or reside one night at Newmarket, that infamous seminary of iniquity and ill-manners, during the course of the races there, or shall resort to the said races, or shall lose in any one day at any game or bett whatsoever, the sum of 500l. then, and in any of the cases aforesaid, it is my express will, that he my said godson shall forfeit and pay out of my estate the sum of 5000l. to and for the use of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, for every such offence or misdemeanor as is above specified, to be recovered by action for debt in any of his Majesty's courts of record at Westminster.—I give to my

said godson Philip Stanhope, the large brilliant diamond ring which I commonly wear myself, and which was left me by the late Dutchess of Marlborough; and I desire that the same may descend and go as an heir-loom with the title of Earl of Chesterfield.—I give unto the mother of my late natural son Philip Stanhope, Esq; deceased, 500l. as a small reparation for the injury I did her. I give to the said Lovel Stanhope, and Beaumont Hotham, and their heirs, the several annuities or rent charges of 100l. each, during the minority of Charles Stanhope and Philip Stanhope, sons of my late natural son Philip Stanhope, upon trust, that they the said trustees do apply the same for their maintenance and education during their minority; and, upon the said Charles Stanhope and Philip Stanhope severally attaining their several ages of twenty-one years, I will that the said last-mentioned annuities shall cease, and in lieu thereof I give to each of them the said Charles Stanhope and Philip Stanhope one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 100l. for and during the term of each of their lives; 10,000l. upon this trust, that they the said trustees do immediately upon my death, place out and invest the same in the public funds, or on real security, at interest, during the minorities of the said Charles Stanhope and Philip Stanhope; and do and shall at the end of every half-year, place out the interest and dividends thereof again at interest in the same funds, as and for an accumulating fund; and that the said trustees do and shall pay and transfer one moiety or half-part of the said sum of 10,000l. and of such interest and dividends as shall

so accumulate as aforesaid, unto the said Charles Stanhope, upon his attaining his age of twenty-one years, and the other moiety or half-part thereof unto the said Philip Stanhope, upon his attaining his age of twenty-one years.— I give to William Stanhope, Esq; a natural son of my late brother Sir William Stanhope, an annuity of 100l. for his life, and to Mrs. Ilfley, widow, an annuity of 25l. for her life, in lieu and discharge of the like annuities given them by my brother's will. I give to William Strickland, my old and faithful servant, 50 guineas, if in my service at my death; and to Jacob Ubret, my old groom, who has lived with me above forty years, 40 guineas, if in my service at my death; and I give to all my menial or household servants that shall have lived with me five years or upwards at the time of my death, whom I consider as unfortunate friends, my equals by nature, and my inferiors only by the difference of our fortunes, two years wages above what shall be due to them at my death, and mourning: and to all my other menial servants, one year's wages and mourning.

Extract from the Codicil annexed to the Last Will and Testament of Robert North, late of Scarborough, in the county of York, Esq;

I Give unto Mrs R. G. my English walnut bureau, made large to contain cloaths, but hope she will not forget when she makes use of it, that graces and virtues are a lady's most ornamental dress; and that that dress has this peculiar excellence, that it will last for ever, and improve by wearing.

I give to lieutenant W. M. (my godson) my sword, and hope he will, if ever occasion shall require it, convince a rash world he has learnt to obey his God as well as his general, and that he entertains too true a sense of honour, ever to admit any thing in the character of a good soldier, which is inconsistent with the duty of a good christian.

And now having, I hope, made a proper disposition of my lands and money, these pearls of great price in the present esteem of men, let me take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the grand original Proprietor; and here I must direct my praises to that benign Being, who, through all the stages of my life, hath encompassed me with a profusion of favours, and who, by a wonderful and gracious providence, hath converted my very misfortunes and disappointments into blessings. Nor let me omit what the business just finished seems more particularly to require of me, to return him my unfeigned thanks, who, to all the comforts and conveniencies of life, has superadded this also, of being useful in death, by thus enabling me to dispose of a double portion, (namely) one of love to the poor, and another of gratitude to my friends.

All my faults and follies, almost infinite as they have been, I leave behind me, with wishes, that as they have here their birth and origin, they may here be buried in everlasting oblivion; my infant graces, and little embryo virtues, are (I trust) gone before me into heaven, and will (I hope) prove successful messengers to prepare my way. Thither, O Lord, let them mount with unintermitting constancy,

fancy, while my soul in the mean time feasts herself with extatic reflections on that ravishing change, when from the nonsense and folly of an impertinent, vain, and wicked world, she shall be summoned to meet her kindred spirits, and be admitted into the blissful society of angels, and men made perfect: when instead of sickness, gloominess, and sorrow, the melancholy retinue of sin, and a house of clay, joy and immortal youth shall be her attendants, and her palace the habitation of the King of kings. This will be a life worth dying for indeed! Thus to exist, though but in prospect, is at present joy, gladness, transport, extasy. Fired with the view of this transcendent happiness, and triumphant in hope, (these noble privileges of a christian) how is it possible to forbear crying out, "O death! why art thou so long in coming? Why tarry the wheels of thy chariot?"

To that Supreme Being, whose treasures and goodness are thus infinite and inexhaustible, be all honour and glory, for ever. Amen, amen.

ROBERT NORTH.

Account of the Distress of the London East-Indiaman, in the Hurricane on the coast of China, in July last, taken from Capt. Webb's Letter to the Directors of the East-India Company.

"ON our arrival on the coast of China, off Macao*, on July 17, after my packet was delivered to the supercargoes there, a sloop came on, which had very

near demolished us. At four in the afternoon, our best bower cable parted, and the ship cast on shore, but by setting all the sails I could, I just weared her clear of the land, and as the wind was then E.N.E. we stood out to the southward under our courses, and at six had the Ladroone bearing N. E. At eight the wind flew round to S. E. and blew the hardest gale I ever remember. We were then in twenty fathoms water, and not being able to make any more way out, our sails all blowing to pieces, we looked upon our destruction as inevitable, without a particular act of Providence; for we were driving on a lee shore. At twelve at night the wind flew to the south, its violence still continuing, and we found the ship shoaling her water, so that every soul on board was preparing for death. At day-light we were in twelve fathoms water, with the sea, which was as much mud as water, breaking entirely over us: we then threw some of our guns over-board, and cut away the main and mizen masts, and by the time we had cleared them, we were in three fathoms water, the land about a quarter of a mile distant. We immediately cut away the fore yard, and let go the sheet-anchor, which, by the great mercy of God, brought us up; and as the ship touched the ground abaft, it eased her to the cable, or, I am well assured, the Royal George's anchors and cables would not have held her. We then instantly let go our spare anchor with a new cable, which parted as we were veering it out, so that we had no other left. About nine in the morning

* Macao is an island not far from the river Canton.

the gale abated. In the evening we hove up our sheet anchor, when we found the cable stranded. What saved the ship was the having all her guns housed, her ports in, and top-gallant masts down on deck, before the gale came on. Our drift in the gale was amazing. I imagined it at first about fifty miles, but to my astonishment, when the gale was over, I found myself as low down as Haynan*, within the westernmost island, about three leagues from the continent. I must have passed in the night quite close to a rock that bore S. by W. when the ship brought up. The Chinese told me, that every vessel that was that night at sea perished except mine, and that they had lost all their junks and boats round the whole country, and were certain not less than 100,000 people had perished in the storm. We had another tiffoon in August, when all the European ships at Wampoo drove with three anchors a-head. The Chinese junks and boats then in the river were most of them sunk, and the number of poor souls that perished in this hurricane is incredible. I repaired my damages as well as I could at Canton, but I was obliged to come away with only two cables."

An Account of the Naval Review at Portsmouth.

EARLY in the morning on Tuesday the 22d instant, the King set out from Kew for Portsmouth, and being arrived at Portsea-Bridge between ten and eleven of the same morning, was received by

* By the most accurate measurement on the Map, the Island of Haynan is distant from Macao, 240 Miles.—An astonishing tract for a ship to be driven in so short a space of time.

a Royal salute of twenty-one guns. His Majesty then proceeded to the first barrier, where Major-General Parker, who commanded the garrison during the Royal residence at Portsmouth, delivered the keys of the garrison to the King, who was pleased to return them. On his Majesty's entering the Land Port-Gate, he was saluted by a triple discharge of 232 pieces of cannon mounted on the ramparts of Portsmouth, at Blockhouse Fort, and at South-Sea Castle.

His Majesty proceeded through the town out at the Water-Gate to the Dock-Yard, and arrived at the Commissioner's house ten minutes before eleven o'clock; where he was received by the President of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, the Lord Privy-Seal, the Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, the first Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, the Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Treasury, and Commissioners of the Navy, the three Admirals of the squadron at Spithead, and the Master and Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance. The artificers and workmen belonging to the yard, being all assembled before the house, gave three cheers as his Majesty entered, and then immediately dispersed, and returned to their several employments.

After his Majesty had taken some refreshment, he went to the Governor's house in the town, attended by the nobility and persons of distinction, and had a public levee, at which a great number of the officers of the navy and army

were

were present, as also many gentlemen of the country, who on this occasion came in to pay their duty to his Majesty.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Burgesſes of the town waited on his Majesty, and preſented the following Addreſs:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majesty.

May it pleaſe your Maſteſty,

' We the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Burgeſſes of the town of Portſmouth, humbly beg leave to pay our duty to your Maſteſty, and congratulate your Maſteſty upon your arrival in this town.

' Nothing can give us greater joy and ſatisfaction, than to ſee your Maſteſty ſhewing ſo much attention, and doing ſo much honour to the glory and bulwark of theſe kingdoms. We deſire to expreſs the warmeſt affection for your Maſteſty's perſon and government; and to offer our earneſt prayers, that the fleet may ever prove victorious under the auſpices of your Maſteſty, and your Royal family; and redound to the glory of the Sovereign of the Britiſh empire.'

They were all received very graciously, and had the honour to kiſs the King's hand; after which his Maſteſty was pleaſed to confer the honour of Knighthood on John Carter, Eſq; the Mayor of Portſmouth.

When the levee was over, his Maſteſty returned to the dock-yard, and at half an hour after one o'clock embarked in a barge in which his Royal Standard was immediately hoisted. The Earl of Sandwich, firſt Commiſſioner of the Admiralty; the Earl of Delawar, Gold Stick; and Lord Robert Bertie, Lord of the Bed-Chamber in

waiting; embarked in the ſame boat with the King.

His Maſteſty then proceeded to Spithead, attended by the barge of the board of Admiralty, with the flag of their office, the three admirals with their flags, and all the captains of the fleet with their pendants in their barges.

As his Maſteſty paſſed the gariſon, he was ſaluted by a royal ſalute of twenty-one guns from the Blockhouſe Fort, Saluting platform, and South-Sea Caſtle.

When the Royal Standard was ſeen from the fleet at Spithead, which conſiſted of twenty ſhips of the line, two frigates, and three ſloops, moored in two lines abreſt of each other, the whole manned ſhip, and ſaluted with twenty-one guns each.

The King went on board the Barſleur of 90 guns, where he was received by the Board of Admiralty, the captain being at the head of the accommodation ladder, and the ſide manned by the lieutenants of the ſhips. As ſoon as his Maſteſty paſſed the guard of Marines on the quarter-deck, the flag of the Lord High Admiral, which was then flying, was ſtruck, and the Royal Standard hoisted at the main-top-maſt head, the Lord High Admiral's flag at the fore-top-maſt head, and the Union flag at the mizen-top-maſt head: On the ſight of which all the ſhips, except the Barſleur, ſaluted with twenty-one guns each. The ſhip being cleared the ſame as for action, and the officers and men at their reſpective quarters, his Maſteſty, after the nobility, who came off upon this occaſion, and the flag officers, had paid their duty to him on the quarter-deck, walked fore and aft
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On the lower gun-deck, and took a view of the whole.

At half an hour after three o'clock his Majesty sat down to a table of thirty covers, at which many of the nobility, and persons of distinction, as well as officers of the navy and army of the rank of colonel and upwards, were admitted to the honour of dining. After dinner, the Queen's health being drank, the whole fleet saluted with twenty-one guns; and, upon his Majesty's retiring from table, the King's health was likewise drank with the like salute. And the same was repeated every day during his Majesty's continuance at Portsmouth.

At six o'clock his Majesty went into his barge, attended by the board of Admiralty, the flag officers and captains, in the same order in which they came, and passed along both the lines of ships, each ship (being again manned) giving three cheers, and saluting separately with twenty-one guns as the King passed by them.

His Majesty then went on board the Augusta yacht, where he was again received by the board of Admiralty. The Royal Standard, with the Lord High Admiral's flag and Union flag, were immediately hoisted, as they had been on board the Barfleur; and his Majesty sailed into the harbour. The ships at Spithead and the fortifications saluting as upon his Majesty's coming out, and the admirals and captains attending him to the harbour's mouth; after which they returned to their respective ships. His Majesty landed at the dock a quarter before nine, and returned to the commissioner's house, where

he resided the whole time of his stay at Portsmouth.

WEDNESDAY, June 23.

At eight o'clock this morning his Majesty began to view the dock-yard, the ships building and repairing, and magazines.

At eleven his Majesty went into his barge, attended by the commissioners of the admiralty and navy in their barges, with the flags of their respective offices, and many of the nobility in another barge, and proceeded up the harbour to view the ships lying in ordinary.

His Majesty went on board three of those ships, viz. the Britannia, a first rate of 100 guns; the Royal William, a second rate of 84 guns; and the Defiance, a third rate of 64 guns; and, at half an hour after two, went off to Spithead to dine on board the Barfleur, attended by the commissioners of the admiralty, the flag officers and captains in their barges as before.

At six o'clock in the afternoon his Majesty went from the Barfleur on board the Augusta yacht, and sailed towards St. Helen's till near eight, and then stood in for the harbour; but, it falling calm, his Majesty left the yacht, and was rowed to the dock in his barge, where he arrived at half an hour after nine, the ships and fortifications saluting, and the flag officers and captains attending him to the mouth of the harbour, as they had done the day before.

THURSDAY, June 24.

His Majesty went to the gun-wharf at six o'clock in the morning, where he was received by the master-general of the Ordnance, the lieutenant-general and principal officers of that department, and minutely

minutely viewed the magazines, artillery, and stores.

His Majesty returned to the dock-yard at seven, and viewed such parts of the yard, magazines, and works carrying on, as he had not seen before. At half an hour after ten his Majesty, attended as before, by the nobility and commissioners of the admiralty and navy, went in his barge on board the *Venus*, a frigate of 36 guns, lying in ordinary, and from thence to *Weovil*, where he was received by Captain Pitt, one of the commissioners for victualling the royal navy, and the officers of that department, a royal salute of twenty-one guns being given from the lines at Gosport; and, having viewed the brewery, cooperage, and magazines, returned to the dock.

After his Majesty had changed his dress, he went to the governor's house, and had another public levee.

At two o'clock his Majesty went off to Spithead, in the same state as on the preceding days, to dine on board the *Barfleur*.

Vice Admiral Pye, having, in pursuance of the King's pleasure, been this day promoted to the rank of Admiral of the blue, kissed his Majesty's hand on the quarter deck, and, hoisting his flag immediately on board the *Royal Oak*, was by the King's permission saluted by all the ships present except the *Barfleur*. The Admiral, in acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him, saluted the *Royal Standard* with all the guns on board the *Royal Oak*.

His Majesty was at the same time pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Admiral Pye, as also on Richard Spry, Esq; Rear-

Admiral of the white; Capt. Joseph Knight, of the *Ocean*, senior Captain in the fleet at Spithead; Captain Edward Vernon, of the *Barfleur*; and Captain Richard Bickerton, of the *Augusta* yacht; who had the honour each day to steer the King's barge, and they had severally the honour to kiss his Majesty's hand upon the quarter-deck under the *Royal Standard*.

At half an hour after five o'clock, his Majesty went from the *Barfleur* on board the *Augusta* yacht, attended as before, and, having sailed through part of the line of ships, stood into the harbour, and landed at the dock at half an hour after seven, the flag officers and Captains attending his Majesty in their barges to the mouth of the harbour, and the fortifications saluting as on the former days.

FRIDAY, June 25.

His Majesty went from the dock-yard at half an hour after five this morning to view the new works and fortifications of Portsmouth, beginning from the farthest part of the common round to the saluting platform.

At seven his Majesty returned to the dock, embarked immediately on board the *Augusta* yacht, and sailed out of the harbour, the fortifications saluting as he passed. When the yacht arrived at Spithead, Lord Edgcumbe, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, with his division, got under sail and followed his Majesty. When the yacht and men of war had passed the buoys, the Vice-Admiral came on board, and having, by his Majesty's command, been promoted to be Vice-Admiral of the White, had the honour to kiss his Majesty's hand under the *Royal Standard*, and then, shifting his flag,

flag, was, by his Majesty's permission, saluted by all the ships of his division.

His Majesty proceeded as far as Sandown Bay, where the Standard was saluted by the Castle.

The wind then freshening, and the tide being spent, the yacht, with the Vice-Admiral's division, returned to St. Helen's and anchored.

At three quarters after four the yacht got under weigh, and, the wind still blowing fresh, worked up to Spithead, leaving the Vice-Admiral and his division to proceed to Plymouth according to the orders he had received. After the King had sailed along the line of ships remaining at Spithead, he stood towards the harbour, and came to anchor about half a mile within South-Sea Castle, where his Majesty was attended by the admiral, the rear-admiral, and all the captains and lieutenants of the fleet at Spithead, who had severally the honour of kissing his Majesty's hand. While the yacht was at anchor, the ramparts of the town, being lined with land forces and marines, fired a 'Feu de Joy' at ten o'clock, by a triple discharge of cannon and musquetry all round the works; immediately after which the yacht weighed, proceeded into the harbour, and landed his Majesty at the dock at half an hour after ten o'clock.

The King was this day pleased to grant the dignity of a Baronet of Great Britain unto Hugh Palliser, Esq: Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy, and unto Richard Hughes, Esq; Commissioner of his Majesty's Navy residing at Portsmouth; and also to direct that the commanders of the Wasp, Speedwell, and Haz-

ard sloops, at Spithead, be promoted to the rank of post-captains of his Majesty's fleet; the lieutenants commanding the Greyhound and Anson cutters in Portsmouth harbour, the first lieutenant of the Barfleur, and lieutenant of the Augusta yacht, where the Royal Standard had been hoisted, and the first lieutenant of the flag officers ships, viz. the Royal Oak, Dublin, and Ocean, to be promoted to the rank of commanders; and two midshipmen from each of those ships and yacht to be made lieutenants.

In all the processions before-mentioned, both to Spithead and back again, a very great number of yachts, and other sailing vessels and boats, many of them full of nobility and gentry, accompanied the barges, as well as the Augusta yacht, while the King was on board: The shores, both on the Portsmouth and Gosport sides, were lined with an incredible multitude of people, who all expressed their loyalty and duty as his Majesty passed along, by saluting with guns; acclamations, and other demonstrations of joy. And the houses both in the town of Portsmouth and on the common, as well as at Gosport, were illuminated every evening during his Majesty's stay.

His Majesty was pleased to express the highest approbation of the good order and discipline of his fleet, the excellent condition of the dock-yard, arsenals, and garrison, and the regularity with which every thing was conducted; and shewed the utmost satisfaction at the demonstrations of loyalty and affection with which he was received by all ranks of people.

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SATURDAY, June 26.

His Majesty set out from the commissioner's house, on his return to Kew, at three quarters after six o'clock, having been graciously pleased to order the following sums to be distributed, viz.

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| To the artificers, workmen, and labourers of the Dock-Yard, Victualling-Office, and Gun-Wharf | £. 1500 |
| To the companies of the Bar fleur and Augusta yacht, and the crew of his Majesty's barge | — 350 |
| To the poor of Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport | — 250 |

His Majesty was also pleased to make some other smaller gratuities, and to release the prisoners confined in Portsmouth gaol for debt.

His Majesty was saluted by a triple discharge of all the cannon round the fortifications, as well as of those of South-Sea Castle and Block-House Fort, and by a salute of twenty one guns on passing Portsea-Bridge. Many thousands of people attended the chaise, with the loudest acclamations, to the end of the Mayor's jurisdiction; and at every place through which his Majesty passed there were the strongest demonstrations of joy. At Godalmin a band of music, accompanied by the voices of all the inhabitants, sung, 'God save the King' the whole way through the town: At Guildford the street was lined with the inhabitants; the gentry, who, were assembled at one of the public-houses, saluted his Majesty as he passed with the colours of the town.

Throughout the whole of his Majesty's journey there were numerous assemblies of people in every place, where his Majesty passed,

expressing, in the warmest manner, their duty and affection, and their joy at seeing their Sovereign amongst them.

About two o'clock in the afternoon the King arrived in perfect health at Kew.

An authentic Account of the Earthquake at the Birches, about half a Mile below Buildwas Bridge, and about a Mile above the Bottom of Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

IN the dead of the night between Tuesday 25th and Wednesday the 26th ult. Samuel Wilcocks's wife, who lived in a small house at the Birches, was sitting up in bed to take care of one of her children that was ill; when she perceived the bed shake under her, and observed some balm tea in a cup to be so much agitated as to be spilt over. On Thursday morning the 27th, Samuel Wilcocks, and John Roberts (who likewise lived in the house at the Birches) got up about four o'clock, and opening their window to see what the weather was, observed a small crack in the ground about four or five inches wide, and a field that was sown with oats to heave up and roll about like waves of water; the trees moved as if blown with wind, but the air was calm and serene; the river Severn (in which at that time was a considerable flood) was agitated very much, and the current seemed to run upwards. They perceived the house shake, when in a great fright they raised the rest of the family, and ran out of the house about twenty yards; they then perceived a great crack run very

very quick up the ground from the river. Immediately about thirty acres of land with the hedges and trees standing (except a few that were overturned) moved with great force and swiftness towards the Severn, attended with great and uncommon noise, which Wilcocks compared to a large flock of sheep running swiftly by him. That part of the land next the river was a small wood, under two acres, in which grew twenty large oaks, a few of them were thrown down, and since as many more were undermined and overturned; some left leaning, the rest upright as if never disturbed. The wood was pushed with such velocity into the channel of the Severn, (which at that time was remarkably deep) that it forced the water in great columns a considerable height like mighty fountains, and drove the bed of the river before it on the opposite shore many feet above the surface of the water, where it lodged, as did one side of the wood. The current being instantly stopped, occasioned a great inundation above, and so sudden a fall below, that many fish were left on dry land, and several barges were heel'd over, and when the stream came down were sunk, but none were damaged above. The river soon took its course over a large meadow that was opposite the small wood, and in three days wore a navigable channel through the meadow; a turnpike road was moved more than thirty yards from its former situation, and to all appearance rendered for ever impassable. A barn was carried about the same distance and left as a heap of rubbish in a large chasm; the house received but little damage. A

hedge that was joined to the garden was removed about 50 yards; a great part of the land is in confused heaps, full of cracks from four inches to more than a yard wide, and seems as if it will never be fit for tillage or pasture. Several very long and deep chasms are formed in the upper part of the land from about 14 to upwards of 30 yards wide, in which are many pyramids of earth standing with the green turf remaining on the tops of some of them. Hollows are raised into mounts, and mounts are reduced into hollows; less than a quarter of an hour completed this dreadful scene. On Thursday several Eels worked themselves through the cracks in the wood, and were caught by the spectators.

One Cookson, a farmer, who lives about half a mile below the Birches, on the same side the river, was much frightened on Thursday morning the 27th, (at the time of the Earthquake) at a sudden gust of wind, as he thought, which beat against the windows as if a great quantity of hail shot had been thrown with violence at them.

The same morning and time a collier, who was working in a coal pit at Lightmore, full two miles from the Birches, heard a great noise in the pit, which made him apprehend some accident had happened there; but upon examination all was safe.

On Tuesday night the 25th, some people who lived in a house above Buildwas Bridge, more than half a mile from the Birches, on the same side the river, perceived the house violently shook; they removed their goods, and quitted it the next day. That night, being Wednesday

day the 26th, the house and some buildings adjoining, were again shook with so much violence, as to be almost demolished; a large wood pump, was thrown down in the garden behind the house; the court, and part of a road in front, are full of cracks, some very deep. The land on both sides the river, is the property of Walter Acton Moseley, Esq; who, we hear, has sustained a damage of 6 or 700l.

On Friday the 28th, the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, Vicar of Madeley, preached a sermon upon the ground on this melancholy occasion, to a crowded audience of upwards of one thousand people, and in a most pathetic discourse expatiated on the works of Divine Providence, and concluded, recommending to his hearers to prepare for the last great and awful day, and hoped that the present dreadful scene would prove a sufficient warning to them.

T. ADDENBROOKE.

Coalbrookdale,

June 4, 1773.

St. James's, March 26. This day the Right Hon. the Lord-Mayor, attended by Mr. Serjeant Glynn, Recorder, Alderman Bull, Mr. Sheriff Lewes, the City-Remembrancer, Common-Serjeant, Town-Clerk, eight of the Livery, and the rest of the city officers, went to St. James's, where the Recorder read to his Majesty the following address, petition, and remonstrance from the city of London:

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

The humble Address, Petition, and Remonstrance of the Lord-Mayor,
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Aldermen, and Livery of the city of London, in Common-Hall assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Livery of the city of London, beg leave to approach the throne with the respect becoming a free people, zealously attached to the laws and constitution of their country, and the parliamentary right of your Majesty to the crown of these realms.

We desire, with all humility, in the grief and anguish of our hearts, to submit to your Majesty, that the many grievances and injuries we have suffered from your ministers, still remain unredressed; nor has the public justice of the kingdom received the least satisfaction for the frequent atrocious violations of the laws, which have been committed in your reign by your ministers, with a daring contempt of every principle, human and divine. Your people have, with the deepest concern, observed, that their former humble petitions and remonstrances were received with a neglect and disregard, very hardly brooked by the high spirit of a great and powerful nation; but the hopes of redress still encouraging us to persevere, we again supplicate your Majesty to listen to the voice of your aggrieved subjects, in vindication of your own and the nation's honour, against your despotic and corrupt ministers, who have perverted the fountains of public justice, and undermined the foundations of our excellent constitution. Our representatives, who were chosen to be the guardians of our rights, have invaded our most

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sacred privileges. The right of being represented in parliament, is the inherent, unalienable privilege, as well as peculiar glory of the free-born inhabitants of this country; and a person qualified according to law, a magistrate of this city, was duly elected a knight of the shire for the county of Middlesex, by a great majority of legal votes, yet has been excluded from the House of Commons, by a resolution of that House; and a candidate, who had only a few votes, declared the representative of the electors of the said county against their consent. Through the like corrupt influence of the same ministers, the chief magistrate, and one of the aldermen of this city, were imprisoned for not obeying the illegal mandates of an arbitrary House of Commons, and violating the solemn oaths they had taken for the preservation of the liberties and franchises of the capital of your Majesty's dominions. We recal to your Majesty's remembrance with horror, that unparalleled act of tyranny, the erasing a judicial record, in order to stop the course of justice, to introduce a system of power against right, and to tear up by the roots, truth and law from the earth.

We therefore, your remonstrants, again supplicate your Majesty to employ the only remedy now left by the constitution, the exercise of that salutary power with which you are entrusted by law, the dissolving of the present parliament, and the removal of those evil counsellors who advised the measures so generally odious to the nation; and your Majesty, as the true guardian of our rights, shall ever reign in the hearts of a grateful people.

To which Address, Petition, and Remonstrance, his Majesty was pleased to return the following Answer:

“ I have the satisfaction to think
 “ that my people don't doubt of
 “ my readiness to attend to their
 “ complaints, or of my ardent desire
 “ to promote their happiness,
 “ which I cannot more effectually
 “ do, than by resisting every attempt
 “ to sow groundless jealousies
 “ among them.
 “ Your petition is so void of
 “ foundation, and is besides conceived
 “ in such disrespectful terms,
 “ that I am convinced you do not
 “ seriously imagine it can be complied
 “ with.”

To the Hon. the House of Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the united company of merchants of England trading to the East-Indies.

Sheweth,

THAT your petitioners observe, with the greatest concern, that some of the most material articles of the propositions which they humbly presented to this Honourable House, on the second day of March last, are substantially rejected by the resolutions of this House on the twenty-seventh of this month.

They humbly conceive, that after the loan which they presumed to request from parliament, (not less for the credit of the public than their own) shall be fully discharged, it seems unreasonable to require any further terms on account of the said loan.

That the limitation of the Company's

pany's dividend to seven per cent. after the discharge of the said loan, until their bond debt shall be reduced to one million five hundred thousand pounds, appears to your petitioners a limitation not founded upon any just calculation of the Company's commercial profits; nor can it with reason be alledged, that it is necessary either to their credit, or that of the public, that they should be so restrained, as the additional dividend of one per cent. contained in the Company's propositions, though an object of considerable consequence to the proprietors, could be no material delay to the reduction of their bond debt.

Your petitioners humbly submit to this Honourable House, that the hardship of this limitation is exceedingly aggravated by a consideration of the great losses which they, as proprietors, have sustained, and the expences they have incurred in acquiring and securing the territorial revenues in India, at the risk of their whole capital, while the public have reaped such great advantages; more especially as they have received repeated assurances from their late chairman, that the intentions of the chancellor of the exchequer were totally different in this respect. Upon the faith of these assurances, the proposals which have been made the ground of the said restrictive resolutions, were offered by the Company to Parliament; restrictions which they cannot but consider as peculiarly hard upon men who have already suffered so much.

Your petitioners most humbly beg leave to represent to this Honourable House, that the resolution limiting the Company to a term

not exceeding six years, for the possession of their territories in India, appears to be altogether *arbitrary*, as it may be construed into a conclusive decision against the Company, respecting those territorial possessions, to which they humbly insist they have an undoubted right; a right against which no decision exists, nor any formal claim has ever been made.

That the Company, with all due deference and humility, beg leave to represent to this Honourable House, that they cannot acquiesce in the resolution, whereby three-fourth parts of the surplus nett profits of the Company at home, above the sum of eight per cent. per ann. upon their capital stock, should be paid into the Exchequer for the use of the public; and the remaining be applied either in further reducing the Company's bond debt, or for composing a fund, to be set apart for the use of the Company, in case of extraordinary emergencies; because such disposal of their property, otherwise than by their own consent, by a general description, comprehending their trade as well as revenues, does not appear warranted even by the largest pretensions that have been formed against them. And they most humbly represent, that when your petitioners offered a participation in a different proportion of the said surplus, it was in the full assurance that they might freely enjoy the remainder.

That the limitation prescribed by the said resolution, respecting the application of the one fourth part allotted them in such participation, after payment of all their simple contract debts, and after reducing their bond debt to the point

of credit which this Honourable House has fixed, appears to your petitioners to be subversive of all their rights and privileges, by denying the disposal of their own property, after all their creditors shall be fully secured according to law; that rather than submit to such conditions, (as proceeding from their own consent expressed or implied) they beg leave most humbly to declare to this Honourable House their desire, that any claims against the possessions of the Company that can be supposed to give rise to such restrictions, may receive a legal decision, from which, whatever may be the event, they will at least have the satisfaction of knowing what they may call their own.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, that this Honourable House will not annex such terms to the loan proposed by the East-India Company, as will tend to weaken the good faith and confidence which the subjects of this country ought ever to have in the justice of the legislature.

And your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

East-India House,
April 30, 1773.

To the Right Hon. the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common-Council assembled.

THE Committee appointed by the General-Court of the East-India Company, to take the most vigorous and effectual measures for opposing a bill now depending in parliament, entitled, "A Bill for establishing certain regulations for the better management of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe," have unanimously thought it their duty to apprize the city of London of the attack made upon the Company's charter rights by the said bill.

This bill (without regard to the public faith, or to the valuable consideration paid for the franchises granted in the Company's several charters) is calculated totally to alter the constitution of the Company at home, and the administration of its presidencies abroad, in order to subject all their affairs, both at home and abroad, to the immediate power and influence of the Crown.

This bill, if it should pass into a law, will, without delinquency charged, or any specific ground of forfeiture assigned, disfranchise above twelve hundred freemen of the Company, who are to be deprived of any vote in the management, directly or indirectly, of any part of their own immediate property. The Directors, who by the still subsisting charter, are elected annually, are to be taken from under the controul of their constituents, and to be continued for a term of years.

By the first of these operations the proprietary being reduced to a
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Message from the Committee, appointed by the General Court of the East-India Company, to take the most effectual Measures for opposing a Bill now depending in Parliament, entitled, "A Bill for establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe," to be laid before the Court of Common-Council.

very small number, will be rendered more manageable for ministerial purposes; and by the second, the Directors, no longer annually responsible to their constituents, it is to be feared, will become less attentive to their trust, and more under the direction of the treasury, to whom they owe this prolongation of their power.

The whole government of the settlements in India, which by its charter belongs of right to the Company, is by this bill taken from them, and in effect transferred to the Crown. A general presidency is to be established over all their affairs. The first nomination of the president and his counsellors, is to be made in the House of Commons, and the future vacancies are to be filled by the King.

The nomination of judges for India, is also vested in the Crown, although the charter of justice has given the appointment of those who exercise judicature in India to the Company.

Notwithstanding that the Company is thus deprived of its franchise in the choice of its servants, by an unparalleled strain of injustice and oppression, it is compelled to pay such salaries as ministers may think fit to direct to persons in whose appointments, approbation, or removal, the Company is to have no share.

It is not necessary to explain to the city of London, the consequence of this subversion of the Company's charter, and the subjection of all its great concerns to the immediate authority of the Crown, nor to state with what facility those principles and those powers, which are used to

justify and to effect the ruin of the Company's independance, may be applied to destroy the independance of the city of London itself, and of every other corporate body in the kingdom.

The Company have never been called to answer for any abuse of the franchises which are attempted thus violently to be taken away from them; much improper invective has been employed, but no specific accusation has been stated. If they were not certain, that with merits evident to the world, they were able fully to refute the calumnies of their enemies, they would not think themselves worthy the support of a body, representing the most illustrious city in the world, whose concurrence in opposition to this bill they think it their duty to request.

The city of London have a common cause in the preservation of charter rights and privileges, and a peculiar interest in the prosperity of the Company, which having the seat of its operations fixed in this great metropolis, has contributed in no mean degree to its opulence and power.

Whatever the fate of this application may be, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have not been wanting to guard against the danger, and in time to warn others against an attempt which may be of the most fatal consequence to the commerce, the laws, and the liberties of their country.

Signed by H. C. BOULTON,
Chairman of the Committee.

EDWARD WHEELER.

East-India House,
May 27, 1773.
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To the Hon. the Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London in Common-Council assembled,

Sheweth,

THAT this Court having taken into their most serious consideration a bill now depending in parliament, entitled, A bill for establishing certain regulations for the management of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe, are of opinion that the said bill is a direct and dangerous attack on the liberties of the people, and will, if passed into a law, prove of the most fatal consequences to the security of property in general, and particularly the franchises of every corporate body in this kingdom; first by throwing such an accession of power into the hands of the Crown; and secondly, by destroying, without any legal proceeding, or any just cause, the most sacred rights of the subject, purchased for a valuable consideration, and sanctified by the most solemn charters and acts of parliament.

That this Court is the more alarmed by these proceedings, as the privileges the city of London enjoy stand on the same security as those of the East-India Company, which are thus attempted to be violated; and as the bill has been brought into the House of Commons with a degree of secrecy incompatible with the principles of the constitution in matters of such public concern.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray this Honourable House, that the said bill may not pass into a law.

To the Hon. the Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies,

(Presented May 28.)

Sheweth,

THAT your petitioners observe with great concern, that a bill is now depending in this Honourable House, entitled, A bill for establishing certain regulations, for the better management of the affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe; and that the said bill, if passed into a law, will destroy every privilege which your petitioners hold under the most sacred securities that subjects can depend upon in this country. That the appointing of officers by Parliament, or the Crown, to be vested with the whole civil and military authority of the presidency of Bengal, and also the ordering, management, and government, of all the territorial acquisitions and revenues of the Company, in the kingdoms of Bengal, Bahar, and Orissa, together with the other superintending powers over the settlements of Bombay and Madras, independent of any choice in the Company, or any real power of controul in the Directors or General-Courts of the said Company, or power in the said Company of removing the said officers for misbehaviour, or filling up of vacancies in case of death or avoidance, is a measure so extraordinary, (while the possessions are alledged to remain in the Company) that your petitioners beg leave to call the attention of parliament to this most alarming circumstance, before the

the House shall give a sanction to an Act, which, under the colour of regulation, will annihilate at once the powers of the East-India Company, and virtually transfer them to the Crown. That the said bill is destructive of the essential rights and interests of your petitioners in many other respects, and is further defective as to many of the purposes for which it is declared to be framed; and that your petitioners look upon this bill as tending to destroy the liberties of the subject, from an immense addition of power it must give to the influence of the Crown, That your petitioners have never been made acquainted with any charge of delinquency having been made against them in parliament; and that, if any such charge has been made, they have never been called upon to be heard against it; and that they cannot therefore suppose that any such delinquency on the part of the Company has been voted; which delinquency, however, is made the ground of this bill; and therefore pray, that they may be heard, by themselves or counsel, against the said bill, and that the same may not pass into a law.

To the Hon. the Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of several Proprietors of the East-India Company, possessed of five hundred pounds or more, but less than one thousand pounds, of the capital stock of the said Company.

(Presented June 8, 1773.)

Sheweth,

THAT your petitioners, by the charter granted to the East-India Company by his late Majesty King William, and since that time repeatedly recognized and confirmed by several acts of parliament, in consideration of many large sums of money lent and advanced by the said Company to the public, are legally possessed of a right of voting at any General-Court of the said Company for the election of Directors, the making of bye-laws, or in any other matter relating to the affairs or government of the said Company.

That notwithstanding those sacred securities, under which they purchased their respective shares in the stock of the said Company, your petitioners are astonished to find, that by a clause in the bill now depending in parliament, for establishing certain regulations for the better management of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe, they are to be deprived of this right, and of every degree of influence in the management of so considerable a property, which is to be wholly transferred to such proprietors as are possessed of one thousand pounds capital stock or more, under a presumption that the pernicious practice of splitting stock by collusive transfers, may be more effectually prevented by such a regulation.

That notwithstanding the false and groundless aspersions which have been thrown out against so great a number of your petitioners, which they trust this Honourable House will not make a ground of

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proceeding to affect their right while unsupported by evidence, your petitioners, who are bona fide proprietors in their own right, beg leave to represent,

That no persons can be more interested to prevent such illegal practices, whereby their endeavours for the good of the Company are liable to be defeated by the undue influence of a few wealthy proprietors.

That with a view to this the East-India Company petitioned parliament in the year 1767, that the several proprietors entitled to vote should be obliged to hold this qualification, at least six months before they should exercise that right, in consequence of which an act of parliament was made for that purpose.

That the Company being still further desirous to effectuate the purposes of that act, have, at a General-Court, held on the day of May last, directed an application to be made to parliament, for extending the time prescribed by the said act of the seventh of his present Majesty, from six to twelve months.

That your petitioners, willing that every remedy may be applied to this evil, are desirous that all the other provisions of the said bill now depending in parliament for preventing collusive transfers, except the increase of the qualification of the voters, which cannot answer that purpose, should pass into a law, which provisions, together with the extension of the time to twelve months, must effectually put a stop to that practice, which has already been, in a great degree, prevented by the operation of the said act made in 1767,

That the proposed increase of the qualification of the voters, cannot in any degree contribute to the end desired, but will rather facilitate than discourage so pernicious a practice; since the splitting of stock being confined to those proprietors who hold large quantities, it will be both easier, and attended with less risk by death, bankruptcy, or discovery, to place their stock in the hands of half the number of persons, while their influence will thereby be increased in a very great proportion.

That from thence it is evident, that the real effect of this clause will be the throwing the power of the Company into the hands of a few opulent men, while the only effectual balance to such an oligarchy, by the exertion of independent proprietors of moderate fortunes, will be totally destroyed.

That supposing it should ever be the intention of the Crown, or its ministers, to exert an undue influence in the management of the Company's affairs, it is evident that intention may be much more easily effected in a smaller than in a more numerous body.

That upon the whole, your petitioners conceive that the alteration now proposed, cannot be supported upon any principle of expediency, or any just arguments respecting the purpose for which it is professed to be intended.

Your Petitioners therefore hope this Honourable House will give them leave to be heard by themselves in support of their own legal rights against the said bill, which without consent, compensation made, or charge of delinquency proved, deprives so great a number

number of proprietors of the franchises which they have purchased under the faith of parliament, and has not the excuse of public necessity, or even utility, to palliate so violent an act.

And your petitioners will pray.

Authentic Letters, relative to the intended Tax upon Irish Absentees.

From the Duke of Devonshire and other Lords, to Lord North.

My Lord,

IT is publicly reported, that a project has been communicated to the King's ministers, for proposing in the parliament of Ireland, a tax of regulation, which is particularly and exclusively to affect the property of those of his Majesty's subjects who possess lands in that kingdom, but whose ordinary residence is in this.

It is in the same manner publicly understood, that this extraordinary design has been encouraged by an assurance from Administration, that if the heads of a bill proposing such a tax, should be transmitted from Ireland, they would be returned with the sanction of his Majesty's Privy-Council here, under the Great-Seal of England.

My Lord, we find ourselves comprehended under the description of those who are to be the object of this unprecedented imposition.

We possess considerable landed property in both kingdoms; our ordinary residence is in England. We have not hitherto considered such residence as an act of delinquency to be punished; or, as a political evil, to be corrected by

the penal operation of a partial tax.

We have had, many of us, our birth, and our earliest habits of this kingdom; some of us have an indispensable public duty, and all of us (where such duty does not require such restriction) have the right of free subjects of choosing our habitation in whatever part of his Majesty's dominions we shall esteem most convenient.

We cannot hear, without astonishment, of a scheme by which we are to be stigmatized by, what is in effect, a fine for our abode in this country, the principal member of our British empire, and the residence of our common Sovereign.

We have ever shewn the utmost readiness in contributing with the rest of our fellow-subjects, in any legal and equal method, to the exigencies of the public service, and to the support of his Majesty's government.

We have ever borne a cordial, though not an exclusive regard, to the true interests of Ireland, and to all its rights and liberties: to none of which we think our residence in Great-Britain, to be in the least prejudicial, but rather the means, in very many cases, of affording them a timely and effectual support.

We cannot avoid considering this scheme as in the highest degree injurious to the welfare of that kingdom, as well as of this; its manifest tendency is to lessen the value of all landed property there, to put restrictions upon it unknown in any part of the British dominions; and, as far as we can find, without parallel in any civilized country. It leads directly to a separation of these kingdoms in interest

rest and affection; contrary to the standing policy of our ancestors, which has been, at every period, and particularly at the glorious revolution, inseparably to connect them by every tie both of affection and interest.

We apply to your Lordship in particular: This is intended as a mode of public supply; and as we conceive the treasury of Ireland, as well as that of England, is in a great measure within your Lordship's department, we flatter ourselves we shall not be refused authentic information concerning a matter in which we are so nearly concerned; that if the scheme which we state to your Lordship doth exist, we may be enabled to pursue every legal method of opposition to a project, in every light unjust and impolitic.

We have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most obedient,
and most humble servants,

DEVONSHIRE,
ROCKINGHAM,
BESBOROUGH,
MILTON,
UPPER OSSORY.
London,
Oct. 16, 1773.

From Lord North to the Duke of Devonshire.

Busby-Park, Oct. 18, 1773.

My Lord,

I Had yesterday the honour of receiving a letter, signed by your Grace, and the Lords Rockingham, Besborough, Milton, and Upper Ossory. As it does not relate particularly to me, but concerns equally others of his Majesty's

servants, I cannot with propriety return my answer, before I have communicated the contents of it to them, which I will take the first opportunity of doing. I am persuaded that your Grace and the other Lords, will excuse this unavoidable delay, and have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Grace's

Most faithful humble servant,

NORTH.

From Lord North to the Duke of Devonshire.

Downing-Street, Oct. 21, 1773.

My Lord,

YOUR Grace, and the Lords Rockingham, Besborough, Milton, and Upper Ossory, having in your letter of the 16th, desired authentic information concerning a project of proposing to the parliament of Ireland, a tax upon the landed property of such persons whose ordinary residence is out of that kingdom, I will endeavour to state, in a few words, what has passed upon the subject.

In the course of the summer, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland sent over several propositions for restoring the credit, providing for the debts, and putting upon a proper footing, the finances of that kingdom; at the same time he informed his Majesty's servants here, that he had reason to believe, that among other modes of supply, there would probably be a tax of the nature mentioned in your Grace's letter,

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The answer which was returned to his Excellency, by those of his Majesty's servants, to whom this communication was made, was to the following effect; that if the Irish parliament should send over to England such a plan, as should appear to be well calculated to give effectual relief to Ireland, in its present distress, their opinion would be, that it ought to be carried into execution, although the tax upon absentees should be a part of it.

I beg leave to trouble your Grace to communicate this information to the other Lords, and have the honour to be, with great respect,

&c. &c. &c.

NORTH.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

I Am desired by the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Besborough, Lord Upper Ossory, and Lord Milton, to communicate to you the inclosed papers, which contain what has passed between us and his Majesty's ministers, upon the information we had received of a partial land-tax, which is calculated to affect only those who do not commonly reside in that kingdom.

We thought it proper to apply to Lord North, in order to authenticate our intelligence, and to lay a proper ground for a future proceeding on this subject. It was thought respectful to Government not to give too easy a credit to the report of so very extraordinary a procedure. It appeared necessary to lose no time in stating our objections, that we might give the ministry here an opportunity of reconsider-

ing the matter before it should be openly countenanced by the King's servants in Ireland.

Lord North's second answer to our letter, contains an explicit avowal of the design; it is coloured over with the usual pretences of supplying the revenue, and restoring public credit; but, if the ordinary revenue of Ireland, by any management, is become now, in the time of profound peace, so unequal to the support of the establishments, as to require extraordinary aids, we cannot conceive, that the necessity of *new taxes*, can furnish a reason for imposing such as are *unjust*.

The Irish parliament meets again on the 28th of this month. Many gentlemen of consideration for their interest and abilities, will oppose this project in *Ireland*; but with the previous countenance it has received here, it is to be apprehended, that their opposition may prove ineffectual, and that the tax bill may be transmitted to England before the end of November.

The opposition, therefore, in order to be effectual must be early; and it must be made in England as well as in Ireland. We have a right to be heard by our council against this measure, and may oppose it in every stage of its progress before the privy-council here.

It is therefore wished that a general meeting of those who are most immediately concerned, may be held in London about the middle of November.

You shall undoubtedly be informed of any future steps that may be taken in this unprecedented plan of taxation, and shall receive proper notice of the precise time

and place that shall be thought advisable for the meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

Grovesnor-square, ROCKINGHAM.

Oct. 30, 1773.

Copy of a second Circular Letter sent by the Marquis of Rockingham to the several Gentlemen liable to be affected by the Absentee Tax.

S I R,

SINCE I had the honour of writing to you upon the project of a partial land-tax in Ireland, an opinion generally prevailed, that the design had been reconsidered here, and that it was probably laid aside. The accounts from Ireland had given room to imagine, that if the tax was proposed there, it would be rejected. Great numbers of the most considerable persons for weight, consideration, and ability, had shewn a determination to oppose it. The city and county of Dublin, and other counties, had declared their dislike to a measure so dangerous and unjust.

In this situation it seemed not necessary to call a meeting, which might occasion trouble and inconvenience to many gentlemen; but some circumstances have very lately occurred, which seem to indicate, that the measure is by no means laid aside. It appears by accounts from Ireland, that Mr. Blaquiére, Principal Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, did, in the House of Commons there, name the partial land-tax as one of the ways and means towards the supply which should be asked. It is said indeed that he did not absolutely propose the tax, but declared a

predilection for it; and by the accounts received from Ireland in the course of this week, it is now said, that government there have taken a strong part in favour of this measure.

Though the immediate calling of a meeting may be postponed until the fate of the motion for this tax, which is expected to be made this week in Ireland, is known, it is thought to be highly incumbent on us to give this information to all those to whom we had the honour to communicate what had already passed, that they may be so far prepared, that if a meeting is called in the course of the next fortnight, they may be able, if they think it proper, to come to London with the less inconvenience.

By the answers I received to the letters, I find almost a general concurrence in disapprobation of the tax and its principles.

The trust so honourably conferred on us, makes a proper vigilance very much our duty. The giving unnecessary trouble will be avoided; but if the business proceeds, the more full the meeting the greater force and sanction will be given to any proceeding that may be deemed expedient in order to defeat this design.

The Lords who are now in town, and in consequence of whose desire I took the liberty of troubling you with the former letter, have empowered me now to send you this information.

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient and

Most humble Servant,

(Signed) *ROCKINGHAM.*

Dated Grovesnor-square,

Nov. 27, 1773.

Account

Account of the Honours paid by the Assembly and Council of Jamaica, to the Memory of the late Sir William Trelawney, Bart. Governor of that Island.

Extract of a Letter from Kingston in Jamaica, Dec. 19, 1772.

IT is with real concern we acquaint the public, that on Friday night, the 11th instant, his Excellency Sir William Trelawney, Bart. our very worthy and much esteemed governor, departed this life, after a long and tedious illness, which he bore with fortitude and magnanimity, and died with that firm hope of a happy immortality, which a virtuous and admirable uniformity and consistency of character, and the calm conscience of a life well spent in the service of his country, at once inspired and justified. During four years residence in the administration of this government, he so wisely guided and steadily held the reins of power, and maintained such an inflexible integrity of conduct, altogether unbiassed by private attachments or selfish considerations, that party herself forgot her resentments, and seemingly left no contest, but who should most promote the ease and happiness of an administration, which gave ease and happiness to all. The great and universal regret which the apprehension of this unhappy event has, for some time past, given to all ranks of people, is the surest proof of his excellency's merit, as well as the strongest testimony, that a government conducted on the same principles, cannot fail of meeting the noblest reward, the general applause of a grateful and united people.

The next day, being Saturday the 12th instant, the Honourable the House of Assembly came to the following resolution:

‘ Resolved, In order to testify
 ‘ the grateful respect which
 ‘ this house entertained of his
 ‘ late Excellency's merit, the
 ‘ sense they have of the great
 ‘ and universal satisfaction
 ‘ which his mild and equitable
 ‘ administration gave to
 ‘ all ranks of people, and the
 ‘ great regret which they feel
 ‘ at his loss, it be made the
 ‘ request of this House to
 ‘ Lady Trelawney, that her
 ‘ Ladyship consent that his
 ‘ Excellency's funeral be conducted at the public expence.’

In consequence of this vote a joint committee of the Hon. the Council and Assembly was appointed to conduct the funeral, which, notwithstanding the shortness of time, was managed with equal propriety and magnificence.

Accordingly on Sunday evening the 13th instant, the body, inclosed in a coffin of lead, placed in an outward shell, covered with crimson velvet, and richly furnished, lay in state in the council-chamber, which was hung with black, and illuminated with large tapers of wax; and, to their great honour, the members of the legislature, the officers of the navy, army, and militia, the magistrates, and all ranks of people, seemed to vie with each other in shewing the most grateful testimony of respect and regard to the governor's memory.

About

About eleven o'clock the same evening, the procession began from the king's house in the following order, the artillery firing minute guns, viz.

Spanish-Town regiment of foot militia. — The 36th regiment of foot under the command of Col. Campbell, marching in form, with their arms reversed, preceded by a band of music, collected from the different regiments and the battalion lately arrived, playing the dead march in Saul. — Eight mutes. — The governor's secretary and household. — Public officers. — Provost marshal general. — Physicians. — Clergy. — The BODY, supported by the hon. A. Sinclair, hon. W. Brown, hon. B. Edwards, hon. W. Harvie, hon. J. Scot, hon. T. Iredell, hon. J. Ellis, hon. T. Beach, and four aid de camps. — Chief mourners: hon. Mr. Harrison, and hon. Mr. May. — House of assembly as mourners. — Judges of the grand court and assize. — Col. Provost, and officers of the royal Americans. — Captains of the men of war, and officers of the fleet. — Barristers at law. Masters in chancery. — Attendants. — Troops of horse.

The following Address was presented by the Council of Jamaica, to Lady Trelawney:

“ The council of Jamaica, being truly sensible of the great loss your ladyship has sustained by the demise of our late worthy governor, beg leave to condole with you on that unhappy occasion.

“ We have too great a share in the loss, not to participate with your ladyship in the affliction. Yet we derive no small comfort from the consideration (and we earnestly hope that your ladyship will join in the reflection) that the departure of great and good men, though a loss to us, is the consummation of perfect felicity to them. Your ladyship too, has the satisfaction to reflect, that your worthy partner, even in this life, had the singular happiness of receiving that reward, which virtue too frequently fails of attaining. He died with the applause of all good men, and in the roll of honour is his memory recorded.

“ We sincerely wish your ladyship a safe voyage to Great-Britain, and that your future days may be brightened by happiness. On all occasions, we beg leave to tender your ladyship our best services.”

The following State of the Export Linen and Linen Yarn Trade of Ireland, for the last 70 Years, shews its vast Improvement within that Period, and of what Singular Importance its Preservation from the Ruin with which it is now threatened, is to the Mother Country.

| | | | | | |
|------|-------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| 1701 | Amount of the | | 14,000 | } | £ |
| | exports of linen | | | | 43,000 |
| — | ditto, linen yarn | | 39,000 | } | |
| 1711 | linen | — | 78,000 | | 122,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 44,000 | } | |
| 1721 | linen | — | 126,000 | | 214,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 88,000 | } | |
| 1731 | linen | — | 220,000 | | 304,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 84,000 | } | |
| 1741 | linen | — | 480,000 | | 500,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 129,000 | } | |
| 1751 | linen | — | 751,000 | | 893,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 142,000 | } | |
| 1761 | linen | — | 803,000 | | 1,241,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 238,999 | } | |
| 1771 | linen | — | 1,691,000 | | 1,895,000 |
| — | yarn | — | 204,000 | } | |
| | | | | | |

It appears by the export entries at the Custom-house at Dublin, whence this account was taken, that the linen trade alone has decreased 5,000,000 of yards, of the invoice value of 350,000 l. in the year 1772; and by the best estimate that could be formed of the exports from March 1772 to March 1773, they were supposed to have further decreased one third, which would bring them under 900,000 l. so that the exports of linen and yarn taken together, will fall short of 1,100,000; little more than one half of their amount in the year 1771.

The following is an Account of the Total Quantities of British and Irish Linens exported from England, from the Commencement of the Bounty to January 1772, distinguishing the Quantities and Bounties paid each Year.

| | Brit. Linen. Yards. | Irish Linen. Yards. | Bounties Paid, or Payable. |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1743 — | 52,779 | 40,907 | 383 19 8 |
| 1744 — | 49,521 | 28,255 | 311 7 9 |
| 1745 — | 56,240 | 101,928 | 747 17 6 |
| 1746 — | 175,928 | 695,002 | 4,188 10 9 |
| 1747 — | 238,014 | 595,277 | 4,290 12 0 |
| 1748 — | 330,747 | 723,663 | 5,594 1 10 |
| 1749 — | 414,834 | 965,897 | 8,615 1 4 |
| 1750 — | 588,874 | 742,032 | 8,308 16 8 |
| 1751 — | 527,976 | 854,490 | 8,617 8 2 |
| 1752 — | 437,277 | 968,319 | 8,775 13 10 |
| 1753 — | 641,510 | 1,039,967 | 10,058 16 5 |
| 1754 — | 1,382,796 | 843,973 | 13,905 7 11 |
| 1755 — | 41,367 | 51,040 | 577 11 0 |
| 1756 — | 394,746 | 719,135 | 6,932 11 8 |
| 1757 — | 1,016,754 | 2,005,575 | 18,847 3 8 |
| 1758 — | 1,942,667 | 2,171,109 | 25,690 15 4 |
| 1759 — | 1,693,087 | 1,956,572 | 22,807 11 1 |
| 1760 — | 1,413,602 | 2,352,585 | 23,538 13 1 |
| 1761 — | 1,272,985 | 1,819,329 | 19,324 11 3 |
| 1762 — | 1,762,643 | 2,930,476 | 29,331 19 10 |
| 1763 — | 2,308,310 | 2,588,564 | 30,604 6 9 |
| 1764 — | 2,134,733 | 1,858,780 | 24,863 9 3 |
| 1765 — | 2,095,933 | 1,663,670 | 23,497 10 4 |
| 1766 — | 2,236,086 | 1,770,634 | 25,042 0 0 |
| 1767 — | 2,444,181 | 2,227,124 | 29,182 6 11 |
| 1768 — | 2,687,457 | 2,270,160 | 30,985 2 1 |
| 1769 — | 3,056,950 | 1,855,159 | 30,699 3 5 |
| 1770 — | 3,216,506 | 2,707,482 | 36,972 18 4 |
| 1771 — | 4,411,040 | 3,450,224 | 44,738 8 10 |

Extract from the Accounts of the Linens stamped in the following Years in Scotland, as attested at the Linen Hall established by the Board of Trustees at Edinburgh, instituted in the Year 1727.

| | Yards. | Value. |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| 1727 to 1728 — | 2,183,978 | £. 103,312 |
| 1747 — | 6,661,788 | 262,866 |
| 1757 — | 9,764,408 | 401,511 |
| 1767 — | 13,224,557 | 637,346 |

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An Account of the total Quantities of Foreign Linens imported into England in the following Years, converted into British Yards, and the Duties paid thereon, as taken from the Custom-House Entries in the Port of London.

| | | | | | | |
|------|---|--------------------------|---|---------|----|----|
| 1762 | — | 18,827,853 $\frac{1}{4}$ | — | 134,031 | 14 | 1 |
| 1763 | — | 26,634,851 | — | 185,476 | 19 | 4 |
| 1764 | — | 28,092,215 $\frac{3}{4}$ | — | 201,711 | 3 | 7 |
| 1765 | — | 25,497,795 $\frac{3}{4}$ | — | 182,997 | 0 | 11 |
| 1766 | — | 25,624,107 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 184,657 | 1 | 2 |
| 1767 | — | 21,054,411 | — | 164,532 | 8 | 10 |
| 1768 | — | 23,112,349 | — | 199,467 | 0 | 10 |
| 1769 | — | 25,431,162 $\frac{1}{4}$ | — | 217,386 | 9 | 0 |
| 1770 | — | 27,101,343 $\frac{1}{4}$ | — | 221,333 | 8 | 9 |
| 1771 | — | 28,243,121 $\frac{3}{4}$ | — | 230,951 | 14 | 2 |

An Account of the progressive Increase of the Revenue of the Post Office.

IN 1644, Mr. Edmund Prideaux, who was inland Post Master, was supposed to collect about 5000 l. per annum.

In 1654, the Parliament farmed the posts to Mr. Manley, at 10,000 l.

In 1664, Daniel O'Neal, Esq; farmed them at 21,500 l.

In 1674, they were let out at 43,000 l.

In 1685, the gross were estimated at 65,000 l.

In 1688, the posts amount was 76,318 l.

In 1697, it was, according to Dr. Davenant, 90,505 l.

In 1710, they were 111,461 l.

In 1715, the gross amount of the inland office, came to 145,227 l.

In 1744, the same amounted to 198,226 l.

But the total gross amount of both inland and foreign offices, which can alone demonstrate the extent of our correspondence, was that year 235,492 l.

And in 1764, the gross amount was 432,048 l.

SUPPLIES granted by Parliament, for the Year 1773.

DECEMBER 3, 1772.

1. **T**HAT 20,000 men be employed, for the sea-service, for the year 1773, including 4354 marines.

2. And that a sum, not exceeding 4l. per man per month, be allowed for maintaining the said 20,000 men for 13 months, including ordnance for sea-service

1040000 0 0

DECEMBER 10.

1. That a number of land-forces, including 1522 invalids, amounting to 17070 effective men, commission and non-commission officers included, be employed for the year 1773.

2. For defraying the charge of 17070 effective men, for guards, garrisons, and other his Majesty's land-forces, in Great-Britain, Jersey, and Guernsey, for the year 1773

616895 1 10

3. For maintaining his Majesty's forces and garrisons in the plantations and Africa, including those in garrison at Minorca and Gibraltar; and for provisions for the forces in North-America, Nova-Scotia, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, the Ceded-Islands, and Africa, for the year 1773

396935 5 10½

4. For defraying the charge of the difference of pay between the British and Irish establishment of six battalions, and three companies of foot, serving in the Isle of Man, at Gibraltar, Minorca, and the Ceded-Islands, for the year 1773

5503 9 5

5. For the pay of the general and general staff officers in Great-Britain, for the year 1773

11473 18 6½

6. Upon account, towards defraying the charge of out-pensioners of Chelsea-Hospital, for the year 1773

122982 3 9

7. For the charge of the office of ordnance, for land-service for the year 1773

218460 13 10

8. For

8. For defraying the expence of services performed by the office of ordnance, for land-service, and not provided for by parliament in 1772 —

17954 4 7

1390204 17 9½

FEBRUARY 1, 1773.

1. For the ordinary of the navy, including half-pay to the sea and marine officers, for the year 1773 —

424019 0 9

2. Towards the buildings, rebuildings, and repairs of ships of war in his Majesty's yards, and other extra works, over and above what are proposed to be done upon the heads of wear and tear and ordinary, for the year 1773 —

421554 0 0

FEBRUARY 4.

1. Upon account, for maintaining and supporting the civil establishment of his Majesty's colony of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1773 —

5146 10 5

2. On account, for defraying the charges of the civil establishment of his Majesty's colony of Georgia, and other incidental expences attending the same, from the 24th day of June 1772, to the 24th day of June 1773 —

3086 0 0

3. Upon account, for defraying the expences of the civil establishment of his Majesty's colony of East-Florida, and other incidental expences attending the same, from the 24th day of June, 1772, to the 24th day of June 1773 —

4950 0 0

4. Upon account, for defraying the expences of the civil establishment of his Majesty's colony of West-Florida, and other incidental expences attending the same, from the 24th day of June, 1772, to the 24th day of June, 1773 —

7274 13 6

5. Upon account, for defraying the expences attending general surveys of his Majesty's dominions in North-America, for the year 1773 —

1885 4 0

6. On account, for defraying the expence of supporting and maintaining the civil establishment of the government of Senegambia, on that part of the coast of Africa situate between the port of Sallee in South Barbary and Cape Rouge, for the year 1773 —

6336 0 9½

FEBRUARY 18.

1. Upon account of the reduced officers of his Majesty's land-forces and marines, for the year 1773

111127 5 10

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2. For

2. For defraying the charge for allowances to the several officers and private gentlemen of the two troops of horse guards reduced, and to the superannuated gentlemen of the four troops of horse-guards, for the year 1773

1148 10 0

3. For the paying of pensions to the widows of such reduced officers of his Majesty's land forces and marines, as died upon the establishment of half-pay in Great-Britain, and were married to them before the twenty-fifth day of December, 1716, for the year 1773

628 0 0

4. Upon account of the expences of the new roads of communication, and building bridges in the Highlands of North-Britain, in the year 1773

6998 10 9

994153 16 0½

FEBRUARY 25.

That provision be made for the pay and cloathing of the militia, and for their subsistence during the time they shall be absent from home on account of the annual exercise, for the year 1773.

MARCH 9.

To be advanced to the governor and company of the merchants of England, trading into the Levant Seas, to be applied in assisting the said company in carrying on their trade

500 0 0

MARCH 30.

1. To replace to the sinking-fund, the like sum paid out of the same, to make good the deficiency, on the 5th day of July, 1772, of the fund established for paying annuities, in respect of five millions borrowed, by virtue of an act made in the 31st year of the reign of his late Majesty, towards the supply granted for the service of the year 1758

48245 11 6

2. For paying off and discharging the Exchequer-bills made out by virtue of an act, passed in the last session of parliament, intituled, "An act for raising a certain sum of money, by loans, or Exchequer-bills, for the service of the year 1772," and charged upon the first aids to be granted in this session of parliament

1800000 0 0

3. Towards enabling the commissioners for building a bridge across the river Thames, from the city of Westminster to the opposite shore, in the county

of

For the YEAR 1773.

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of Surry, to maintain the said bridge, and to perform the other trusts reposed in them — — —

2000 0 0

1850745 11 6

APRIL 26.

Towards defraying the extraordinary expences of his Majesty's land-forces, and other services, incurred between the twenty-fifth day of February, 1772, and the eighth day of March, 1773, and not provided for by parliament — — —

249708 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

MAY 6.

To make good the deficiency of the grants for the service of the year 1772 — — —

21085 1 7

MAY 17.

To be employed in repairing, maintaining, and supporting the British forts and settlements on the coast of Africa — — —

13000 0 0

283793 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

MAY 27.

To be applied for the purpose of relieving the East-India Company; and for securing to the creditors of the said Company, a more speedy satisfaction of their demands — — —

1400000 0 0

MAY 29.

To make good to his Majesty the like sum which has been issued, by his Majesty's orders, in pursuance of the addresses of this House — — —

6200 0 0

JUNE 14.

To John Harrison, as a further reward and encouragement, over and above the sums already received by him, for his invention of a time-keeper, for ascertaining the longitude at sea, and his discovery of the principles upon which the same was constructed — — —

8750 0 0

JUNE 19.

1. To enable his Majesty to repay to Messieurs Hodgson, Gordon, and Debonair, the like sum, which has been overpaid by them to the commissioners of excise, for the duties of excise upon beer and ale; such commissioners not having made the full allowance for waste, agreeable to the directions of an act of parliament passed in the first year of King William

and Queen Mary, intituled, "An act for an additional duty of excise upon beer and ale, and other liquors

4363 0 0

2. To be advanced to Doctor Richard Williams, of Saint Margaret's, Westminster, as a reward for his inventing a fast green and yellow dye on cotton yarns and thread, and for discovering the secret thereof

2000 0 0

6980210 19 0 $\frac{8}{3}$

Ways and Means for raising the above Supply granted to his Majesty, agreed to on the following days, viz.

DECEMBER 7, 1772.

THAT the duties upon malt, mum, cyder, and perry, be continued from the 23d of June, 1773, to the 24th of June 1774, and charged upon all malt which shall be made, and all mum which shall be made or imported, and all cyder and perry which shall be made for sale, within the kingdom of Great-Britain, 750,000l.

DECEMBER 14.

That the sum of three shillings in the pound, and no more, be raised, within the space of one year, from the 25th of March, 1773, upon lands, tenements, hereditaments, pensions, offices, and personal estates, in that part of Great-Britain called England, Wales, and the town of Berwick upon Tweed; and that a proportionable cess, according to the ninth article of the treaty of union, be laid upon that part of Great-Britain called Scotland, 1,500,000l.

MARCH 2, 1773.

That the charge of the pay and cloathing of the militia, in that part of Great-Britain called England, for one year, beginning the 25th day of March, 1773, be

defrayed out of the monies arising by the land tax, granted for the service of the year 1773.

APRIL 8.

That, towards raising the supply granted to his Majesty, there be issued and applied the sum of 350,193l. 7s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ remaining in the Exchequer, on the fifth day of April 1773, for the disposition of Parliament, of the monies which had then arisen of the surplusses, excesses, or overplus monies, and other revenues, composing the fund commonly called the sinking fund, after satisfying all the charges and incumbrances thereupon.

MAY 27.

1. That, for every chalders of culm, Newcastle measure, exported to Lisbon, in any foreign ship or vessel, a duty be paid of one shilling and six pence, and no more.

2. That an additional duty of one penny halfpenny *per* square yard, and in that proportion for any greater or less quantity, be laid upon all paper, printed, painted, or stained, in foreign parts, imported into this kingdom, over and above all other duties now payable thereon.

MAY 29.

That, for raising the sum of 1,400,000l. granted to his Majesty, for the purpose of relieving the East-India company, and for securing

securing to the creditors of the said company a more speedy satisfaction of their demands, his Majesty be enabled to borrow the like sum, by Exchequer bills, to be charged upon such monies as shall, by any act or acts of parliament, passed in this session of parliament, be directed to be applied for paying the principal and interest of the said bills; and if such monies shall not be sufficient to discharge the whole principal, interest, and charges, of the said bills, before the 6th day of April 1779, then the same to be charged on such aids as shall be granted by parliament, for the service of the year 1779; and such bills, if not discharged with interest, before the said 6th day of April 1779, to be exchanged and received in payment, in such manner as Exchequer bills have usually been exchanged and received in payment.

JUNE 14.

1. That an act, made in the sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An act for
" opening and establishing certain
" ports in the islands of Jamaica
" and Dominica, for the more
" free importation and exportation
" of certain goods and merchan-
" dizes; for granting certain
" duties, to defray the expences
" of opening, maintaining, se-
" curing, and improving, such
" ports; for ascertaining the du-
" ties to be paid upon the importa-
" tion of goods from the said island
" of Dominica into this kingdom;
" and for securing the duties upon
" goods imported from the said
" island into any other British co-
" lony," which was to continue
in force until the first day of November 1773, and from thence to

the end of the then next session of parliament, is near expiring, and fit to be continued, with amendments.

2. That the duty of one pound ten shillings, payable for every negroe which shall be imported into the island of Dominica, and also the duty of one pound ten shillings, payable for every negroe which shall be exported from the island of Jamaica, do cease, determine, and be no longer paid.

3. That, in lieu of the said duty, a duty of two shillings and sixpence, sterling money, be paid for every negroe which shall be imported into the said island of Dominica; and also a duty of two shillings and sixpence, sterling money, for every negroe which shall be exported from the said island of Jamaica.

JUNE 15.

1. That, towards raising the supply granted to his Majesty, there be issued and applied the sum of 2,349,806l. 12s. 7½ out of such monies as shall or may arise of the surplusses, excesses, or overplus monies, and other revenues, composing the fund, commonly called the sinking fund.

2. That, towards raising the supply granted to his Majesty, the sum of 1,000,000l. be raised, by loans or Exchequer bills, to be charged upon the first aids to be granted in the next session of parliament.

3. That the sum of 10,000l. out of such monies as shall be paid into the receipt of the Exchequer on or before the 5th day of April, 1774, of the produce of all or any of the duties and revenues, which, by any act or acts of parliament, have been directed to be reserved for the disposition of parliament, towards de-
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fraying the necessary expences of defending, protecting, and securing, the British colonies and plantations in America, be applied towards making good such part of the supply as hath been granted to his Majesty, for maintaining his Majesty's forces and garrisons in the plantations, and for provisions for the forces in North America, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and the Ceded Islands, for the year 1773.

4. That such of the monies as shall be paid into the receipt of the Exchequer after the 5th day of April 1773, and on or before the fifth day of April 1774, of the produce of the duties charged by an act of parliament, made in the fifth year of his present Majesty's reign, upon the importation and exportation of gum senega and gum arabic, be applied towards making good the supply granted to his Majesty.

JUNE 17.

1. That the sum of 169,398l. 18s. 2d. which, in pursuance of an act, made in the ninth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "An act for carrying into execution certain proposals made by the East India company, for the payment of the annual sum of 400,000l. for a limited time, in respect of the territorial acquisitions and revenues lately obtained in the East Indies," is directed to be paid within the present year into the receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer by the said company, be applied towards making good the supply granted to his Majesty.

2. That, towards making good the supply granted to his Majesty, there be issued and applied the sum of 9961l. 11s. 8d. remaining in the receipt of the Exchequer, for the disposition of parliament.

| | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|----|------------------|
| By the resolution of Dec. 7, 1772. | _____ | _____ | 750000 | 0 | 0 |
| By that of Dec. 14. | _____ | _____ | 1500000 | 0 | 0 |
| By that of April 8, 1773. | _____ | _____ | 350193 | 7 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| By that of May 29. | _____ | _____ | 1400000 | 0 | 0 |
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S T A T E P A P E R S.

His Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday the 1st of July, 1773.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot close this session, without assuring you, that I have observed, with much satisfaction, the zeal, assiduity, and perseverance, with which you have applied yourselves to the very important business, which, at the meeting of parliament, I recommended to your particular attention; and I hope, and trust, that the laws which have been the result of your deliberations, will be found to answer the salutary purposes, for which they were intended.

The continuance of the war between Russia and the Porte, with both of whom I am closely connected in friendship, although under no engagement to either, gives me great concern. But, from the pacific dispositions of other powers, I have reason to hope, that those troubles will extend no further. I shall persevere in my earnest endeavours to preserve the general tranquillity of Europe; at the same time, it shall be the constant object of my care, to be sufficiently prepared against any event which may affect the honour, safety, or interest of my kingdoms.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my hearty thanks, for the supplies which you have granted me with so much cheerfulness:

and I see with pleasure, that notwithstanding the ample provision which you have made for every branch of the public service, and the effectual relief and support which you have afforded to the East-India Company, you have been able to make some progress in reducing the national debt.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The experience I have had of your attention to the public good, and of your attachment to me, convinces me, that you will, in your several stations, use your utmost endeavours to assist me, in promoting the happiness of my people. I have no other object but their welfare; and no other view, but to employ the powers with which I am entrusted, in maintaining the credit, reputation, and prosperity of my kingdoms.

His Excellency Simon Earl Harcourt, Lord Lieutenant-General and General-Governor of Ireland, his Speech to both Houses of Parliament, at Dublin, on Tuesday the 12th day of October, 1773.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is with the highest satisfaction that I obey his Majesty's commands to meet you in parliament, and to concur with you in every measure that may promote the real interest of this kingdom.

His Majesty, who has made the happiness of all his people the constant object of his wishes, and the unvaried

unvaried rule of his actions, has given it to me in particular charge, to assure his faithful subjects of Ireland, of the continuance of his paternal regard and affection for them; and I am persuaded, that in all your proceedings, you will continue to manifest that uniform attention to the public good, of which his Majesty's own conduct affords the best and most illustrious example.

As every addition to his Majesty's royal family adds strength to that happy succession, which is the great security of all that is valuable to us, I have a particular pleasure in communicating to you the birth of another prince since your last sessions of parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper officers to lay before you the public accounts and estimates, from which you will be fully acquainted with the circumstances of this country, and may be enabled to form a true judgment of the provisions necessary to be made for the honourable support of his Majesty's government. I have his Majesty's commands to ask the supplies necessary for this purpose; and I am confident you will grant them in such a manner, as will be least burthensome to his Majesty's subjects of this kingdom: on my part, you may rest secure that they shall be faithfully applied, and frugally administered.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The laws of your country will naturally present themselves as the first and most important objects of your consideration. It is my duty to call your particular attention to such as respect the religion and morals, the security and good order

of the people. It is in vain that laws are made for the punishment of offenders, unless their morals can be reformed, and their minds impressed with principles of virtue.

Your protestant charter schools, the seminaries of true religion and industry, deserve your particular consideration; and your linen manufacture, the great source of wealth to the nation, is an object of the highest importance. You will consider whether any new laws may be wanting to improve, regulate, and extend this most beneficial trade; or to support its reputation at foreign markets.

I am firmly persuaded, that we are met together animated with the same intentions of maintaining the honour and dignity of his Majesty's government, and of promoting the good of this kingdom. Your conduct has convinced me, that I shall receive from you the fullest proofs of your loyalty and attachment to the King; and of your zeal in the public service: mine, I trust, will shew that I have nothing more sincerely at heart, than the welfare and prosperity of Ireland.

The Addresses of both Houses of Parliament in Ireland to his Majesty.

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we have the most lively sense of the many blessings we enjoy, under the

the mild, just, and auspicious government of your Majesty, who have made the happiness of your people the constant object of your wishes; the unvaried rule of your actions. — Permit us, with the greatest gratitude, to express our most unfeigned acknowledgments for the continuance of your Majesty's paternal regard and affection for your faithful subjects of this kingdom; and your Majesty may rest assured, that in all our proceedings we will continue to manifest that uniform attention to the public good, of which your Majesty's conduct affords the best and most illustrious example.

Truly sensible of the many and great blessings we enjoy under so excellent a Sovereign, considering every addition to your Majesty's royal family as strengthening that happy succession, which is the great security of all that is valuable to us, and feeling the most sincere pleasure from each new source of your domestic felicity, we humbly offer our warmest congratulations, upon the birth of another prince.

We cannot have a stronger assurance of your Majesty's attention to the happiness and prosperity of this kingdom, than by your gracious appointment of Earl Harcourt to be our chief governor, of whose distinguished virtues and abilities, your Majesty, from your earliest years, hath had uniform experience.

We shall prove by our conduct, that we do not differ from your Majesty, and the world, in a full and cordial reliance upon his Excellency's wisdom, justice, and moderation.

Fully persuaded that the best and most effectual method to recommend ourselves to your Majesty's favour

is, and ever will be, to promote the true interest of your people, we shall not neglect to pay due attention to the laws of our country, particularly to those which respect the religion and morals, the security and good order of the people; convinced that unless their morals be reformed, and their minds impressed with principles of virtue, laws for the punishment of offenders are made in vain.

The protestant charter schools, those seminaries of true religion and industry, shall receive our particular consideration; the linen manufacture, that great source of our national wealth, is an object of the highest importance; we shall give our utmost attention to the forming of any laws that may be wanting to improve, regulate, or extend this most beneficial trade, or to support its reputation at foreign markets.

Your Majesty may be assured, that we will manifest a true and unbiassed regard to the public welfare, by that unanimity in all our proceedings which conduces to the ease of your Majesty's government, so essentially necessary to the interest of Ireland.

May the Divine Goodness long preserve to your people the blessings of your Majesty's auspicious reign, and long may we give your Majesty the satisfaction of governing the hearts of a generous and loyal people.

*To the King's most excellent Majesty.
The humble Address of the Knights,
Citizens, and Burgeesses, in Parli-
ament assembled.*

Most gracious Sovereign,
WE, your Majesty's most duti-
ful and loyal subjects, the
Commons

Commons of Ireland in parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your sacred person, with the warmest professions of our just sense of the many blessings we enjoy under the mild, just, and auspicious government of so gracious a sovereign, who has made the happiness of his people the constant object of his wishes, and the unvaried rule of his actions; and with the most grateful acknowledgments for the continuance of your Majesty's paternal regard and affection for your faithful subjects of this kingdom.

Your Majesty has given us a conspicuous instance of your gracious attention to the happiness and prosperity of Ireland, by sparing from your councils, and sending to preside over us, a chief governor, who, having long had the honour to be placed near your sacred person, and under the influence of your royal example, must be particularly acquainted with your Majesty's benign purposes for the happiness of your people, and to have derived from that great source, those virtues and talents which are peculiarly adapted to diffuse and secure the blessings of good government, and of constitutional liberty.

Under the conduct and administration of a nobleman of the most distinguished character, whose public and private virtues give a lustre to his high station, we shall be peculiarly happy in continuing to manifest that uniform attention to the public good, of which your Majesty's conduct has set the most illustrious example.

We humbly offer our warmest congratulations to your Majesty upon the happy event of the birth

of another prince, thoroughly sensible that every addition to your Majesty's royal family, adds strength to that happy succession, which is the great security of all that is valuable to us, and to which your Majesty's loyal subjects of Ireland, from the united motives of gratitude and interest, have at all times shewn the most steady and inviolate attachment.

Conscious of the happiness which we have enjoyed under the best of princes, we shall cheerfully grant, as far as the present state and circumstances of our country will admit, and in the manner least burthen some to your Majesty's subjects, the supplies necessary for the honourable support of your Majesty's government; convinced, that in properly maintaining the honour and dignity of government, we effectually promote the good of our country.

Satisfied that penal laws for the reformation of the people are insufficient, unless their morals can be reformed, and their minds impressed with principles of virtue, we shall direct our particular attention to such laws as will extend the influence of religion, improve the morals, and promote the security and good order of the people.

Our protestant charter-schools shall receive from us the consideration due to seminaries of true religion and industry; and we shall, without delay, prepare any new laws that may be wanting to improve, regulate, or extend our linen manufacture.

Your Majesty may be thoroughly persuaded, that your faithful Commons, as representatives of your Majesty's dutiful and affectionate subjects of Ireland, are animated

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with the strongest desire to maintain the honour and dignity of your Majesty's government; and we shall, upon every occasion, give unquestionable proofs of our zeal for the public service, and of our never-failing loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's most sacred person.

Dublin-Castle, Nov. 1. His Majesty has been pleased to return the following most gracious Answers to the humble Addresses of the Houses of Lords and Commons.

GEORGE R.

“ His Majesty returns his thanks
“ to the House of Lords for
“ their very loyal address. The
“ strong assurances they give of
“ their duty and affection to his
“ Majesty and his royal family,
“ have given his Majesty the
“ greatest satisfaction; and as his
“ Majesty, from the experienced
“ zeal of the House of Lords, has
“ the firmest reliance on their ap-
“ plying themselves diligently to
“ promote the happiness and prof-
“ perity of his subjects of Ireland,
“ they may be assured of his Ma-
“ jesty's constant favour and pro-
“ tection.” G. R.

GEORGE R.

“ His Majesty thanks the House
“ of Commons for their unani-
“ mous and loyal address. No-
“ thing could be more acceptable
“ to his Majesty, than this fresh
“ mark of their duty and affection
“ to his Majesty, and his royal
“ family.

“ His Majesty doubts not but
“ his faithful Commons will cheer-
“ fully grant the necessary supplies
“ for the support of his govern-

“ ment with honour; and they
“ may be assured of his Majesty's
“ concurrence in such measures as
“ may best contribute to the wel-
“ fare and prosperity of the king-
“ dom of Ireland.” G. R.

Die Martis 2^o Die Novembris, 1773,
Resolved by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in parliament assembled, That the humble thanks of this House shall be returned to his Majesty, for his Majesty's most gracious Answer to the Address of this House of the 13th day of October last.

Ordered, That the Lord Chancellor do attend his Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant with the said resolution, and desire his Excellency will please to lay the same before his Majesty.

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,
WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Ireland in parliament assembled, return your Majesty our warmest thanks for your Majesty's most gracious Answer to the Address of this House.

We will cheerfully grant the necessary supplies for the support of government with honour, as far as the present state and circumstances of the country will admit, being truly sensible of your Majesty's paternal regard for us, from the assurances given us of your Majesty's concurrence in such measures as may best contribute to the welfare and prosperity of Ireland, and from

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our happy experience of your Majesty's mild and gracious government.

The Addresses of both Houses of Parliament in Ireland, to his Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant.

To his Excellency Simon Earl Harcourt, Lord Lieutenant-General, and General-Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Excellency,
WE, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in parliament assembled, return your Excellency our most sincere thanks for your speech from the throne to both houses of parliament.

We esteem ourselves particularly happy in the satisfaction which your Excellency has been pleased to express at the meeting us in parliament, and doubt not of your concurring with us in every measure that may promote the real interest of this kingdom; and we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that the satisfaction is sincerely mutual on our part.

Your Excellency's great abilities, which have received the highest marks of approbation from the many important trusts which in successive reigns, and various administrations, have been reposed in you, give us the most lively hopes of every benefit which can result from a steady, prudent, and benign administration.

The assurances which your Excellency has given us of the continuance of his Majesty's paternal

regard for his faithful subjects of Ireland, fills us with the warmest sentiments of duty and gratitude; and we cannot too much acknowledge the gracious manifestation of his Majesty's goodness towards us, in committing the government of this kingdom to a nobleman whose name has stood unsullied through the many high offices he has filled.

We are most thankful to your Excellency for the joyful information you have been pleased to give us of the increase of the domestic happiness of our amiable Sovereign, and the stability added to his illustrious house by the birth of another prince, descended from him with whom the welfare of these kingdoms is so necessarily connected.

Your Excellency's wise and seasonable advice in directing our attention towards such laws as respect the religion and morals, the security and good order, of the people, cannot fail to animate our endeavours to do every thing on our part to procure so desirable an end, and to take into consideration what new laws may be necessary, as well for that purpose, as also for the extending and improving our linen manufacture, that great source of wealth to this nation.

The favourable sentiments that your Excellency is pleased to conceive of us, gives us the most sincere pleasure, and we can have no doubt, that the proofs we shall afford of our loyalty and attachment to the King, and of our zeal for the public service, will be faithfully and impartially represented by your Excellency to his Majesty, so as to preserve to us his favourable opinion and royal protection. And we flatter ourselves, that there will be that unanimity in all our deliberations,

tions, as will be the distinguishing mark of this session, and of your Excellency's administration.

His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

“ I return you my sincere thanks
“ for this very kind and oblig-
“ ing Address. I feel myself very
“ happy in possessing your good
“ opinion, which it shall be my
“ constant study to preserve. You
“ may be assured that I will most
“ faithfully represent to his Ma-
“ jesty your loyalty and attach-
“ ment; and I flatter myself that
“ I shall have frequent occasions of
“ doing you that justice, in a man-
“ ner honourable to you, and most
“ pleasing to myself.”

To his Excellency Simon Earl Harcourt, Lord Lieutenant-General, and General-Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Excellency,
WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Ireland in parliament assembled, do with the greatest cheerfulness attend your excellency, to return our sincere thanks for your most excellent speech to both houses of parliament.

We are happy in receiving from your excellency the assurance of the continuance of his Majesty's paternal regards for his dutiful and affectionate subjects of this kingdom, of which we esteem it a particular instance, that he has appointed for

our chief governor a nobleman of approved experience, wisdom and abilities, and to whose great virtues and distinguished character we justly look up with the fullest confidence and the highest respect.

His Majesty's conduct, in making the public good the constant rule of his actions, will be our surest guide in the discharge of our duty, which we shall effectually accomplish, by shewing the same uniform attention to the good of our country, that his Majesty has invariably exerted in promoting the general happiness of all his people; and we are fully convinced, that your excellency will steadily and uniformly pursue that illustrious example of attention to the public good, which you have so powerfully recommended to our imitation.

We shall carefully consider the public accounts, and will cheerfully grant the supplies necessary to support his Majesty's government with honour, as far as the state and circumstances of our country will permit, and in the manner that will be most easy to our fellow-subjects of this kingdom, who are deeply interested in the support of that mild and just government, necessary for carrying into execution those laws upon which the preservation and security of liberty and property, and the maintenance of the peace and good order of the publick must entirely depend: and we confide in your excellency's wisdom and justice, that those supplies will be faithfully applied, and frugally administered.

We thankfully acknowledge your excellency's goodness, in pointing out the laws of our country as the first and most important objects of our consideration, and in
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crown, with large salaries payable out of the company's revenue, without the Company's consent, either to the appointment or the payment, is an act of flagrant injustice, and an outrage on all the rights of property. No necessity can be pleaded in favour of this violence, as the company did last year voluntarily propose a nomination of judges, with far better provisions for securing a proper appointment, than any contained in this bill.

7thly. Because the clause of this bill, which deprives of all share in the management of their own property, all proprietors not possessed of 1000l. capital stock, disfranchising without the assignment of any delinquency or abuse, no less than 1246 persons legally qualified, is an heinous act of injustice, oppression, and absurdity, and a gross perversion of the high powers entrusted to legislature; the part of the charter which regulates the right of voting, was made to establish exclusively that class of voters which this act has destroyed; the charter knows of no right of voting, but the possession of 500l. capital stock. It excludes all title to superior influence from superior property. The several laws to prevent the splitting of stock are all in affirmance of this principle, and made to secure this voter. But by a system of contradiction, that, except in this bill, has no example, the very grievance of splitting of stock by which the proprietor under 1000l. has been injured, is assigned as the sole ground for depriving him of his franchise. This lower proprietor could not possibly have been guilty of this offence, and yet he is punished; and the large stockholder,

who alone could be guilty of the splitting, is indulged with new privileges, in contradiction to the spirit of that charter which he is supposed to have violated.

8thly. Because the great principle upon which the bill has been supported will not only in this, but in all cases, justify every infringement of the national faith, and render parliamentary sanction the worst of all securities. We never can admit that a mere speculation of political improvement can justify parliament in taking away rights, which it expressly covenanted to preserve, especially when it has received a valuable consideration for the franchises so stipulated. Nor are grants of parliament under these circumstances to be considered as gratuitous, resumable merely at the pleasure of the giver; but matters of binding contract, forfeitable only on such delinquency or necessity as is implied in the nature of every other bargain. With such matters before us that require the best, we are denied all manner of information. A bill, the object of which has taken the Commons near eight months to consider, is precipitated through this house in little more than eight days, without any attention to parliamentary usage or decorum; as if the lords were the lowest of ministerial tools, who are not to be indulged even with an appearance of discussion, concerning the mandates they receive.

In this situation we feel the honour of the peerage tarnished, and its dignity degraded. If the provisions and precedent of this bill should render the public faith of Great-Britain of no estimation, the franchises, rights and properties of Englishmen

fidency is to receive orders from the court of directors; but it is left to the private will of the king how far these orders shall be obeyed. The presidency is appointed to make ordinances and regulations, but neither directors or company are to determine on their validity. The king alone is to allow or disallow those acts, as he shall chuse to signify his pleasure under his sign manual. This mode of vesting ultimately the whole management of the company's weighty political affairs, their vast revenues, and their extensive commerce in the king's private direction, without any provision in the bill for the intervention of any public body, (either the East-India company or the privy-council) or any responsible public minister, is, we insist, not only an high and dangerous violation of the yet unquestioned charters of the company, but a total subversion of all the principles of the law and constitution of this kingdom.

3dly. Because the election of executive officers in parliament, is plainly unconstitutional, and an example of the most pernicious kind, productive of intrigue and faction, and calculated for extending a corrupt influence in the crown. It frees ministers from responsibility, whilst it leaves them all the effect of patronage. It defeats the wise design of the constitution, which placed the nomination of all officers, either immediately or derivatively, in the crown, whilst it committed the check upon improper nominations to parliament. But this bill, by confounding those powers which the constitution meant to keep separate, has destroyed this controul,

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along with every wise provision of the laws to prevent the abuses in the nomination to, or exercise of, office.

4thly. Because this usurpation of the company's rights in appointing the servants is loaded with the additional injustice of a compulsory payment of salaries, arbitrarily fixed and chargeable on the company's revenues, without their consent.

5thly. Because the violation of the charter is not justified by the importance of the provisions of this bill, which operates only to transfer patronage without conferring new powers, it being expressly provided by the bill, that these powers should be the same as were formerly exercised by the company's servants, under the company's authority; neither is any advantage gained with regard to the particular officers named in this bill, the person first in rank and importance in the new parliamentary presidency, being the very same now at the head of the company's presidency at Bengal. We mean to reflect neither upon that gentleman, nor any other, who (for any thing we know to the contrary) may be men of competent ability and good character; but we think ourselves bound to declare against the manifest contradiction and absurdity of this bill, which, stating abuses as now existing in India, for the ground of its regulations, yet appoints the very persons to preside there, who, if the allegations in the bill be true, must be concerned, either by neglect, or actual commission, in all the abuses complained of.

6thly. Because the appointing judges by the nomination of the crown,

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crown, with large salaries payable out of the company's revenue, without the Company's consent, either to the appointment or the payment, is an act of flagrant injustice, and an outrage on all the rights of property. No necessity can be pleaded in favour of this violence, as the company did last year voluntarily propose a nomination of judges, with far better provisions for securing a proper appointment, than any contained in this bill.

7thly. Because the clause of this bill, which deprives of all share in the management of their own property, all proprietors not possessed of 1000l. capital stock, disfranchising without the assignment of any delinquency or abuse, no less than 1246 persons legally qualified, is an heinous act of injustice, oppression, and absurdity, and a gross perversion of the high powers entrusted to legislature; the part of the charter which regulates the right of voting, was made to establish exclusively that class of voters which this act has destroyed; the charter knows of no right of voting, but the possession of 500l. capital stock. It excludes all title to superior influence from superior property. The several laws to prevent the splitting of stock are all in affirmance of this principle, and made to secure this voter. But by a system of contradiction, that, except in this bill, has no example, the very grievance of splitting of stock by which the proprietor under 1000l. has been injured, is assigned as the sole ground for depriving him of his franchise. This lower proprietor could not possibly have been guilty of this offence, and yet he is punished; and the large stockholder,

who alone could be guilty of the splitting, is indulged with new privileges, in contradiction to the spirit of that charter which he is supposed to have violated.

8thly. Because the great principle upon which the bill has been supported will not only in this, but in all cases, justify every infringement of the national faith, and render parliamentary sanction the worst of all securities. We never can admit that a mere speculation of political improvement can justify parliament in taking away rights, which it expressly covenanted to preserve, especially when it has received a valuable consideration for the franchises so stipulated. Nor are grants of parliament under these circumstances to be considered as gratuitous, resumable merely at the pleasure of the giver; but matters of binding contract, forfeitable only on such delinquency or necessity as is implied in the nature of every other bargain. With such matters before us that require the best, we are denied all manner of information. A bill, the object of which has taken the Commons near eight months to consider, is precipitated through this house in little more than eight days, without any attention to parliamentary usage or decorum; as if the lords were the lowest of ministerial tools, who are not to be indulged even with an appearance of discussion, concerning the mandates they receive.

In this situation we feel the honour of the peerage tarnished, and its dignity degraded. If the provisions and precedent of this bill should render the public faith of Great-Britain of no estimation, the franchises, rights and properties of
Englishmen

Englishmen precarious, and the peerage distinguishable only by a more than common measure of indolence and servility; if the boundless fund of corruption furnished by this bill to the servants of the crown, should efface every idea of honour, public spirit, and independence from every rank of people, after struggling vainly against these evils, we have nothing left but the satisfaction of recording our names to posterity, as those who resisted the whole of this iniquitous system, and as men who had no share in betraying to blind prejudices or sordid interest every thing that has hitherto been held sacred in this country.

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Second Protest of the Lords, upon the Duke of Richmond's Motion, for the making certain Enquiries relative to the East-India Company, and the holding of a Conference with the Commons upon that Subject, being, after a short Debate, rejected.

Die Lunæ, 14^o Junii, 1773.

Dissentient,

BECAUSE a bill, evidently taking away, without consent or compensation, several rights and privileges now enjoyed by a great corporate body, purchased for a

valuable consideration, and confirmed by the most solemn sanctions of parliamentary faith, can be justified only by such delinquency as incurs a forfeiture of those rights, or by such evident and urgent necessity as admits of no method consistent with the charter of the company, for the immediate preservation of those objects for which the corporation was formed. The evidence therefore of such delinquency, or such necessity, depending essentially on matters of fact and record, it is impossible for peers to proceed on this business in a proper manner, while they are unfurnished with that information which it was our duty to demand, and which it was the disposition of the house to refuse.

Secondly, Because the house of commons had appointed committees to examine into the state and condition of the East-India company, and have from them received several reports previous to the bringing in this bill; a previous course of the same kind is equally necessary in this house; nor is it enough for lords to be informed from common conversation, that other men have done their duty, as a reason for neglecting ours. This house nevertheless (in conformity to its late method of proceeding, but in direct contradiction to the uniform practice and principle of better times) has wholly declined to make any enquiry into this important and delicate subject; though such enquiry has been strongly recommended from the throne at the opening of this session. We conceive that those who advised that speech were obliged, as well from consistency as from respect to the crown,

crown, to have been early in moving a proper inquiry; and not to have opposed it, even when a bill from the other house had in common decency rendered it at length indispensable. Not content with this neglect of duty, and contempt of his Majesty's recommendation, a conference with the commons was also refused; by which, however imperfectly, the inattention of the peers might have been remedied by the diligence of the other house; and when a concession was made that the reports of the committee of the house of commons should be laid before us, on condition of their not being read by the clerk, this small concession of imperfect information was immediately withdrawn, and the house resolved to proceed altogether in the dark. We cannot reflect, without the utmost humiliation, on the total revolution which has happened in the sentiments and conduct of this house, within so short a time as since the year 1720, when the lords, in considering the affairs of the South-Sea company, exerted the greatest diligence through the whole of a very long session in a strict parliamentary inquisition into facts, before they thought themselves authorised to resort to an extraordinary use of the legislative power.

Thirdly, Because we conceive that the reason of dispatch assigned for this refusal of all sorts of information, to be unworthy the legislative and the judicial character of the House, we are persuaded that, invested as we are with a public trust of the highest importance, we ought, in all cases, to postpone our amusements to our

duties, and are bound to measure our consideration of the affairs before us, not by the season of the year, but by the nature of the business. In the year 1720, the Lords had a conference with the Commons, which began in July, and did not end till the 25th of that month. If we once admit the advanced period of the session as a reason of refusing to ourselves every information required by the case, the Commons have it in their power to preclude the House from the exercise of its deliberative capacity; they have nothing more to do than to keep business of importance until the summer is advanced, and then the delay in that house is to be assigned as a sufficient ground for a precipitate acquiescence in this. Our predecessors in this house were so well aware of the use which, in future times, might be made of such a practice of the Commons, and such an argument drawn from it here, that they have expressly condemned both the practice and argument by our standing order, *Die Martis 5 Maii 1668*, which standing order we insert in this protest, that it may appear, that in this obstinate refusal of such an enquiry as the subject called for, the House has trespassed as much against its own rules of proceeding, as against the general rights and privileges of the people.

Standing Order of 5 May 1668.

“ Upon report made by the Lord-Chamberlain from the committee of the whole House, concerning the bill for raising 300,010*l.* by an imposition on wines and other liquors, that in regard the said bill being very long, and consisting of many paragraphs, came from

from the House of Commons so near the time of adjournment, he was commanded to report it as the opinion of the committee, that it might be entered into the Journal-Book of this House, as was upon this bill (of shortness of time for the passing of bills), to precipitate the passing thereof, but that due consideration may be had hereafter according to the course of parliaments, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in parliament assembled, agreed with the report made from the committee, and ordered that this order be added to the roll of standing orders of this House."

Fourthly, Because we think that having rejected the antient, reasonable, and parliamentary mode of proceeding, the maxim established in its place is dangerous and irrational. We do constantly deny, that what is commonly called public notoriety (which is in reality no better than common rumour) is or can be a ground for any act which may conclusively impair, much less wholly take away, any one of the rights of the subject; such supposed notoriety being frequently uncertain in its foundation, generally under the influence of violent passions, and entirely destitute of that accuracy which is necessary for ascertaining the nature, extent, or tendency of any grievance, or consequently for furnishing any wise or adequate methods of redress.

Signed,

RICHMOND,
ROCKINGHAM,
FITZWILLIAM,
PORTLAND,
MILTON,
DEVONSHIRE,
PONSONBY.

Treaty with the Caribbs, at St. Vincent's.

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ON Wednesday the 17th instant a number of the Caribbs came into the grand camp, at Maccaricau, and a treaty of peace and friendship was then concluded by his Excellency General Dalrymple on the part of his Britannic Majesty, and by the chiefs of Grand Sable, Massiraco, Rabaeca, Maccaricau, Bauara, Coubamarou, Iambou, Colonrie, Camacarabou, Ouarawarou, and Point Espagniol, for themselves and the rest of their people. — The Articles of which treaty are as follow :

Art. I. All hostile proceedings to cease, a firm and lasting peace of friendship to succeed.

Art. II. The Caribbs shall acknowledge his Majesty to be the rightful sovereign of the Island and Domain of St. Vincent, take an oath of fidelity to him as their king, promise absolute submission to his will, and lay down their arms.

Art. III. They shall submit themselves to the laws and obedience of his Majesty's government, with a power to the governor to enact further regulations for the public advantage as shall be convenient. — (This article only respects their transactions with his Majesty's subjects, not being Indians, their intercourse and customs with each other in the quarters allotted them not being affected by it;) and all new regulations to receive his Majesty's governor's approbation before carried into execution.

Art. IV. A portion of lands, hereafter mentioned, to be allotted for

for the residence of the Caribbs, viz. from the river Bauara to Point Espagniol on the one side, and from the river Analibou to Espagniol on the other side, according to lines to be drawn by his Majesty's surveyors from the sources of the rivers to the tops of the mountains; the rest of the lands formerly inhabited by Caribbs, for the future, to belong entirely to his Majesty.

Art. V. Those lands not to be alienated, either by sale, lease or otherwise, but to persons properly authorised by his Majesty to receive them.

Art. VI. Roads, ports, batteries, and communications to be made as his Majesty pleases.

Art. VII. No undue intercourse with the French Islands to be allowed.

Art. VIII. Run-away slaves in the possession of the Caribbs to be delivered up, and endeavours used to discover and apprehend the others; and an engagement in future not to encourage, receive, or harbour, any slave whatever; forfeiture of lands for harbouring, and carrying off the Island a capital crime.

Art. IX. Persons guilty of capital crimes against the English, are to be delivered up.

Art. X. In time of danger, to be aiding and assisting to his Majesty's subjects against their enemies.

Art. XI. The three chains to remain to his Majesty.

Art. XII. All conspiracies and plots against his Majesty or his government, to be made known to his governor or other civil Magistrates.

Art. XIII. Leave, if required,

to be given to the Caribbs to depart this Island, with their families and properties, and assistance in their transportation.

Art. XIV. Free access to the quarters allowed to the Caribbs, to be given to persons properly empowered in pursuit of run-away slaves, and safe conduct afforded them.

Art. XV. Deserters from his Majesty's service, if any, and run-away slaves from the French, to be delivered up, in order that they may be returned to their masters.

Art. XVI. The chiefs of the different quarters are to render an account of the names and number of the inhabitants of their respective districts.

Art. XVII. The chiefs and other Caribbs, inhabitants, to attend the governor, when required, for his Majesty's service.

Art. XVIII. All possible facility, consistent with the laws of Great Britain, to be afforded to the Caribbs in the sale of their produce, and in their trade to the different British islands.

Art. XIX. Entire liberty of fishing, as well on the coast of St. Vincent, as at the neighbouring Quays, to be allowed them.

Art. XX. In all cases when the Caribbs conceive themselves injured by his Majesty's other subjects or other persons, and are desirous of having reference to the laws, or to the civil magistrates, an agent, being one of his Majesty's natural-born subjects, may be employed by themselves, or, if more agreeable, at his Majesty's cost.

Art. XXI. No strangers, or white persons, to be permitted to settle among the Caribbs without permission

mission obtained in writing from the governor.

Art. XXII. These articles subscribed to and observed, the Caribbs are to be rendered, secured, and fixed in their property, according to his Majesty's directions given, and all past offences forgot.

Art. XXIII. After the signing of this treaty, should any of the Caribbs refuse to observe the conditions of it, they are to be considered and treated as enemies by both parties, and the most effectual means used to reduce them.

Art. XXIV. The Caribbs shall take the following oath, viz.—We A. B. do swear in the name of the immortal God and Christ Jesus, that we will bear true allegiance to his Majesty George III. of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and that we will pay due obedience to the laws of Great Britain and the

Island of St. Vincent, and will well and truly observe every article of the Treaty concluded between his said Majesty and the Caribbs, and we do acknowledge that his said Majesty is rightful Lord and Sovereign of all the Island of St. Vincent, and that the lands held by us the Caribbs are granted through his Majesty's clemency.

On the part of his Majesty.

W. DALRYMPLE.

On the part of the Caribbs.

Jean Baptiste, Dufant Begot, Boyordell, Dirang, Simon, Lalime senior, Bauamont, Justin Bauamont, Chatoie, Doucre Baramont, Lalime junior, Broca, Saioe, François Laron, Saint Laron, Anifetter, Clement, Bigott, Mathieu, Jean Louis Pacquin, Gadel Goibau, John Baptiste, Lonen, Boyudon, Du Valett, Boucharie, Doniba Baoiliard, Cauaia.

CHARACTERS.

A Description of the Island of Otaheite; with many Particulars of its Produce and Inhabitants; their Dress, Habitations, Food, domestic Life, Amusements, Manufactures, &c. From Dr. Hawkesworth's Account of the late Discoveries made in the Southern Hemisphere.

THE face of the country, except that part of it which borders upon the sea, is very uneven; it rises in ridges that run up into the middle of the island; and there form mountains, which may be seen at the distance of sixty miles: between the foot of these ridges and the sea, is a border of low land, surrounding the whole island, except in a few places where the ridges rise directly from the sea; the border of low land is in different parts of different breadths, but no where more than a mile and a half. The soil, except upon the very tops of the ridges, is extremely rich and fertile, watered by a great number of rivulets of excellent water, and covered with fruit trees of various kinds, some of which are of a stately growth and thick foliage, so as to form one continued wood; and even the tops of the ridges, though in general they are bare, and burnt up by the sun, are, in some parts, not without their produce.

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The low land that lies between the foot of the ridges and the sea, and some of the vallies, are the only parts of the island that are inhabited, and here it is populous; the houses do not form villages or towns, but are ranged along the whole border at the distance of about fifty yards from each other, with little plantations of plantains, the tree which furnishes them with cloth. The whole island, according to Tupia's account, who certainly knew, could furnish six thousand seven hundred and eighty fighting men, from which the number of inhabitants may easily be computed.

The produce of this island is bread-fruit, cocoa-nuts, bananas, of thirteen sorts, the best we had ever eaten; plantains; a fruit not unlike an apple, which, when ripe, is very pleasant; sweet potatoes, yams, cocon, a kind of *Arum*; a fruit known here by the name of *Jambu*, and reckoned most delicious; sugar cane, which the inhabitants eat raw; a root of the salop kind, called by the inhabitants *Pas*; a plant called *Esba*, of which the root only is eaten; a fruit that grows in a pod, like that of a large kidney-bean, which, when it is roasted, eats very much like a chestnut, by the natives called *Abes*; a tree called *Wharra*, called in the East-

East-Indies *Pandanes*, which produces fruit, something like the pineapple; a shrub called *Nono*; the *Morinda*, which also produces fruit; a species of fern, of which the root is eaten, and sometimes the leaves; and a plant called *Theve*, of which the root also is eaten: but the fruits of the *Nono*, the fern, and the *Theve*, are eaten only by the inferior people, and in times of scarcity. All these, which serve the inhabitants for food, the earth produces spontaneously, or with so little culture, that they seem to be exempted from the first general curse, that "man should eat his bread in the sweat of his brow." They have also the Chinese paper mulberry, *morus papyrifera*, which they call *Avota*; a tree resembling the wild fig-tree of the West-Indies; another species of fig, which they call *Matte*; the *cordia sebestina orientalis*, which they call *Eton*; a kind of *Cyperus* grass, which they call *Moo*; a species of *tournefortia*, which they call *Tabinoo*; another of the *convolvulus poluce*, which they call *Eurbe*; the *solanum centifolium*, which they call *Ebooa*; the *calophyllum mophylum*, which they call *Tamannu*; the *hibiscus tiliaceus*, called *Pecrou*, a frutescent nettle; the *urtica argentea*, called *Erowa*; with many other plants which cannot here be particularly mentioned: those that have been named already, will be referred to in the subsequent part of this work.

They have no European fruit, garden-stuff, pulse, or legumes, nor grain of any kind.

Of tame animals they have only hogs, dogs, and poultry; neither is there a wild animal in the island, except ducks, pigeons, paroquets, with a few other birds, and rats, there be-

ing no other quadruped, nor any serpent. But the sea supplies them with great variety of most excellent fish, to eat which is their chief luxury, and to catch it their principal labour.

As to the people, they are of the largest size of Europeans. The men are tall, strong, well-limbed, and finely shaped. The tallest that we saw, was a man upon a neighbouring island, called *HUAHEINE*, who measured six feet three inches and an half. The women of the superior rank are also in general above our middle stature, but those of the inferior class are rather below it, and some of them are very small. This defect in size probably proceeds from their early commerce with men, the only thing in which they differ from their superiors, that could possibly affect their growth.

Their natural complexion is that kind of clear olive, or *Bronze*, which many people in Europe prefer to the finest white and red. In those that are exposed to the wind and sun, it is considerably deepened, but in others that live under shelter, especially the superior class of women, it continues of its native hue, and the skin is most delicately smooth and soft; they have no tins in their cheeks, which we distinguish by the name of colour. The shape of the face is comely, the cheek bones are not high, neither are the eyes hollow, nor the brow prominent: the only feature that does not correspond with our ideas of beauty is the nose, which, in general, is somewhat flat; but their eyes, especially those of the women, are full of expression, sometimes sparkling with fire, and sometimes melting with softness; their teeth also are, almost without excep-

exception, most beautifully even and white, and their breath perfectly without taint.

The hair is almost universally black, and rather coarse; the men have beards which they wear in many fashions, always, however, plucking out great part of them, and keeping the rest perfectly clean and neat. Both sexes also eradicate every hair from under their arms, and accused us of great uncleanness for not doing the same. In their motions there is at once vigour and ease; their walk is graceful, their deportment liberal, and their behaviour to strangers, and to each other, affable and courteous. In their dispositions also, they seemed to be brave, open, and candid, without either suspicion or treachery, cruelty or revenge; so that we placed the same confidence in them as in our best friends, many of us, particularly Mr. Banks, sleeping frequently in their houses in the woods, without a companion, and consequently wholly in their power. They were, however, all thieves; and when that is allowed, they need not much fear a competition with the people of any other nation upon earth. During our stay in this island we saw about five or six persons, like one that was met by Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander on the 24th of April, in their walk to the eastward, whose skins were of a dead white, like the nose of a white horse; with white hair, beard, brows, and eye-lashes; red, tender eyes; a short sight, and scurfy skins, covered with a kind of white down; but we found that no two of these belonged to the same family, and therefore concluded, that they were not a species, but unhappy individuals, rendered anomalous by disease.

It is a custom in most countries where the inhabitants have long hair, for the men to cut it short, and the women to pride themselves in its length. Here, however, the contrary custom prevails; the women always cut it short round their ears, and the men, except the fishers, who are almost continually in the water, suffer it to flow in large waves over their shoulders, or tie it up in a bunch on the top of their heads.

They have a custom also of anointing their heads, with what they call *Monoe*, an oil expressed from the cocoa-nut, in which some sweet herbs or flowers have been infused: as the oil is generally rancid, the smell is at first very disagreeable to an European; and as they live in a hot country, and have no such thing as a comb, they are not able to keep their heads free from lice, which the children and common people sometimes pick out and eat: a hateful custom, wholly different from their manners in every other particular; for they are delicate and cleanly almost without example; and those to whom we distributed combs, soon delivered themselves from vermin, with a diligence which showed they were not more odious to us than to them.

They have a custom of staining their bodies, nearly in the same manner as is practised in many other parts of the world, which they call *Tattooing*. They prick the skin, so as just not to fetch blood, with a small instrument, something in the form of a hoe; that part which answers to the blade, is made of a bone or shell, scraped very thin, and is from a quarter of an inch to an inch and a half wide;

the edge is cut into sharp teeth or points, from the number of three to twenty, according to its size: when this is to be used, they dip the teeth into a mixture of a kind of lamp-black, formed of the smoke that rises from an oily nut which they burn instead of candles, and water; the teeth, thus prepared, are placed upon the skin, and the handle to which they are fastened being struck, by quick smart blows, with a stick fitted to the purpose, they pierce it, and at the same time carry into the puncture the black composition, which leaves an indelible stain. The operation is painful, and it is some days before the wounds are healed. It is performed upon the youth of both sexes when they are about twelve or fourteen years of age, on several parts of the body, and in various figures, according to the fancy of the parent, or perhaps the rank of the party. The women are generally marked with this stain, in the form of an Z, on every joint of their fingers and toes, and frequently round the outside of their feet: the men are also marked with the same figure, and both men and women have squares, circles, crescents, and ill-designed representations of men, birds, or dogs, and various other devices impressed upon their legs and arms, some of which we were told had significations, though we could never learn what they were. But the part on which these ornaments are lavished with the greatest profusion, is the breech: this, in both sexes, is covered with a deep black; over which, arches are drawn one above another as high as the short-ribs. They are often a quarter of an inch broad, and the edges are not strait lines, but

indented. These arches are their pride, and are shewn both by men and women with a mixture of ostentation and pleasure; whether as an ornament, or a proof of their fortitude and resolution in bearing pain, we could not determine. The face in general is left unmarked; for we saw but one instance to the contrary. Some old men had the greatest part of their bodies covered with large patches of black, deeply indented at the edges, like a rude imitation of flame; but we were told, that they came from a low island called Noouoora, and were not natives of Otaheite.

Mr. Banks saw the operation of *tattooing* performed upon the back-side of a girl about thirteen years old. The instrument used upon this occasion had thirty teeth, and every stroke, of which at least an hundred were made in a minute, drew an ichor or serum a little tinged with blood. The girl bore it with most stoical resolution for about a quarter of an hour; but the pain of so many hundred punctures as she had received in that time, then became intollerable: she first complained in murmurs, then wept, and at last burst into loud lamentations, earnestly imploring the operator to desist. He was, however, inexorable; and when she began to struggle, she was held down by two women, who sometimes soothed and sometimes chid her, and now and then, when she was most unruly, gave her a smart blow. Mr. Banks staid in a neighbouring house an hour, and the operation was not over when he went away; yet it was performed but upon one side, the other having been done some time before; and the arches upon the loins, in which they

they most pride themselves, and which give more pain than all the rest, were still to be done.

It is strange that these people should value themselves upon what is no distinction; for I never saw a native of this island, either man or woman, in a state of maturity, in whom these marks were wanting: possibly they may have their rise in superstition, especially as they produce no visible advantage, and are not made without great pain; but though we enquired of many hundreds, we could never get any account of the matter.

Their clothing consists of cloth or matting of different kinds, which will be described among their other manufactures. The cloth, which will not bear wetting, they wear in dry weather, and the matting when it rains; they are put on in many different ways, just as their fancy leads them; for in their garments nothing is cut into shape, nor are any two pieces sewed together. The dress of the better sort of women consists of three or four pieces: one piece, about two yards wide and eleven yards long, they wrap several times round their waist, so as to hang down like a petticoat as low as the middle of the leg, and this they call *Parou*: two or three other pieces, about two yards and an half long, and one wide, each having a hole cut in the middle, they place one upon another, and then putting the head through the holes, they bring the long ends down before and behind; the others remain open at the sides, and give liberty to the arms: this, which they call the *Tebuta*, is gathered round the waist, and confined with a girdle or sash of thinner cloth, which is

long enough to go many times round them, and exactly resembles the garment worn by the inhabitants of Peru and Chili, which the Spaniards called *Poncho*. The dress of the men is the same, except that instead of suffering the cloth that is wound about the hips to hang down like a petticoat, they bring it between their legs so as to have some resemblance to breeches, and it is then called *Mara*. This is the dress of all ranks of people, and being universally the same as to form, the gentlemen and ladies distinguish themselves from the lower people by the quantity; some of them will wrap round them several pieces of cloth, eight or ten yards long, and two or three broad; and some throw a large piece loosely over their shoulders in the manner of a cloak, or perhaps two pieces, if they are very great personages, and are desirous to appear in state. The inferior sort, who have only a small allowance of cloth from the tribes or families to which they belong, are obliged to be more thinly clad. In the heat of the day they appear almost naked, the women having only a scanty petticoat, and the men nothing but the sash that is passed between their legs and fastened round the waist. As finery is always troublesome, and particularly in a hot country, where it consists in putting one covering upon another, the women of rank always uncover themselves as low as the waist in the evening, throwing off all that they wear on the upper part of the body, with the same negligence and ease as our ladies would lay by a cardinal or double handkerchief. And the chiefs, even when they visited us, though they had as much cloth

round their middle as would clothe a dozen people, had frequently the rest of the body quite naked.

Upon their legs and feet they wear no covering; but they shade their faces from the sun with little bonnets, either of matting or of cocoa-nut leaves, which they make occasionally in a few minutes. This, however, is not all their head dress; the women sometimes wear little turbans, and sometimes a dress which they value much more, and which, indeed, is much more becoming, called *Tomou*; the *Tomou* consists of human hair, plaited in threads, scarcely thicker than sewing silk. Mr. Banks has pieces of it above a mile in length, without a knot. These they wind round the head in such a manner as produces a very pretty effect, and in a very great quantity; for I have seen five or six such pieces wound about the head of one woman: among these threads they stick flowers of various kinds, particularly the cape-jessamine, of which they have great plenty, as it is always planted near their houses. The men sometimes stick the tail feather of the Tropic-bird upright in their hair, which, as I have observed before, is often tied in a bunch upon the top of their heads: sometimes they wear a kind of whimsical garland, made of flowers of various kinds, stuck into a piece of the rind of a plantain; or of scarlet peas, stuck with gum upon a piece of wood: and sometimes they wear a kind of wig, made of the hair of men or dogs, or perhaps of cocoa-nut strings, woven upon one thread, which is tied under their hair, so that these artificial honours of their head may hang down behind. Their perso-

nal ornaments, besides flowers, are few; both sexes wear ear-rings, but they are placed only on one side: when we came they consisted of small pieces of shell, stone, berries, red peas, or some small pearls, three in a string; but our beads very soon supplanted them all.

The children go quite naked; the girls till they are three or four years old, and the boys till they are six or seven.

The houses, or rather dwellings of these people have been occasionally mentioned before: they are all built in the wood, between the sea and the mountains, and no more ground is cleared for each house, than just sufficient to prevent the dropping of the branches from rotting the thatch with which they are covered; from the house, therefore, the inhabitant steps immediately under the shade, which is the most delightful that can be imagined. It consists of groves of bread-fruit and cocoa-nuts, without underwood, which are intersected, in all directions, by the paths that lead from one house to another. Nothing can be more grateful than this shade in so warm a climate, nor any thing more beautiful than these walks. As there is no underwood, the shade cools without impeding the air; and the houses, having no walls, receive the gale from whatever point it blows. I shall now give a particular description of a house of a middling size, from which, as the structure is universally the same, a perfect idea may be formed both of those that are bigger, and those that are less.

The ground which it covers is an oblong square, four-and-twenty feet long, and eleven wide; over this

this a roof is raised, upon three rows of pillars or posts, parallel to each other, one on each side, and the other in the middle. This roof consists of two flat sides inclining to each other, and terminating in a ridge, exactly like the roofs of our thatched houses in England. The utmost height within is about nine feet, and the eaves on each side reach to within about three feet and an half of the ground: below this, and through the whole height at each end, it is open, no part of it being inclosed with a wall. The roof is thatched with palm-leaves, and the floor is covered, some inches deep, with soft hay; over this are laid mats, so that the whole is one cushion, upon which they sit in the day, and sleep in the night. In some houses, however, there is one stool, which is wholly appropriated to the master of the family; besides this, they have no furniture, except a few little blocks of wood, the upper side of which is hollowed into a curve, and which serve them for pillows.

The house is indeed principally used as a dormitory; for, except it rains, they eat in the open air, under the shade of the next tree. The clothes that they wear in the day, serve them for covering in the night; the floor is the common bed of the whole household, and is not divided by any partition. The master of the house and his wife sleep in the middle, next to them the married people, next to them the unmarried women, and next to them, at a little distance, the unmarried men; the servants, or *Toutous*, as they are called, sleep in the open air, except it rains, and in that case they come just within the shed.

There are, however, houses of another kind, belonging to the Chiefs, in which there is some degree of privacy. These are much smaller, and so constructed as to be carried about in their canoes from place to place, and set up occasionally, like a tent; they are inclosed on the sides with coconut leaves, but not so close as to exclude the air, and the Chief and his wife sleep in them alone.

There are houses also of a much larger size, not built either for the accommodation of a single Chief, or a single family; but as common receptacles for all the people of a district. Some of them are two hundred feet long, thirty broad, and, under the ridge, twenty feet high; these are built and maintained at the common expence of the district, for the accommodation of which they are intended; and have on one side of them a large area, inclosed with low palisadoes.

These houses, like those of separate families, have no walls. Privacy, indeed, is little wanted among people who have not even the idea of indecency, and who gratify every appetite and passion before witnesses, with no more sense of impropriety than we feel when we satisfy our hunger at a social board with our family or friends. Those who have no idea of indecency with respect to actions, can have none with respect to words; it is, therefore, scarcely necessary to observe, that, in the conversation of these people, that which is the principal source of their pleasure, is always the principal topic; and that every thing is mentioned without any restraint or exemption, and in the most direct terms, by both sexes.

Of the food eaten here the greater part is vegetable. Here are no tame animals except hogs, dogs, and poultry, as I have observed before, and these are by no means plenty. When a chief kills a hog, it is almost equally divided among his dependants; and as they are very numerous, the share of each individual at these feasts, which are not frequent, must necessarily be small. Dogs and fowls fall somewhat more frequently to the share of the common people. I cannot much commend the flavour of their fowls; but we all agreed, that a South Sea dog was little inferior to an English lamb; their excellence is probably owing to their being kept up, and fed wholly upon vegetables. The sea affords them a great variety of fish. The smaller fish, when they catch any, are generally eaten raw, as we eat oysters; and nothing that the sea produces comes amiss to them: they are fond of lobsters, crabs, and other shell-fish, which are found upon the coast; and they will eat not only sea-insects, but what the seamen call *Blubbers*, though some of them are so tough, that they are obliged to suffer them to become putrid before they can be chewed. Of the many vegetables that have been mentioned already as serving them for food, the prin-

cipal is the bread-fruit, to procure which costs them no trouble or labour but climbing a tree: the tree which produces it, does not indeed shoot up spontaneously; but if a man plants ten of them in his life time, which he may do in about an hour, he will as completely fulfil his duty to his own and future generations, as the native of our less temperate climate can do by ploughing in the cold of winter, and reaping in the summer's heat, as often as these seasons return; even if, after he has procured bread for his present household, he should convert a surplus into money, and lay it up for his children.

It is true, indeed, that the bread-fruit is not always in season; but cocoa-nuts, bananas, plantains, and a great variety of other fruits, supply the deficiency.

It may well be supposed, that cookery is but little studied by these people as an art; and, indeed, they have but two ways of applying fire to dress their food, broiling and baking; the operation of broiling is so simple that it requires no description, and their baking has been described already, (page 152.) in the account of an entertainment prepared for us by Tupia*. Hogs, and large fish, are extremely well dressed in the same

* Instead of the account here referred to, which is from the voyage of the Endeavour, we shall present our readers with Captain Wallis's description of the same operation. "The manner in which they dress their food is this: they kindle a fire by rubbing the end of one piece of dry wood upon the side of another, in the same manner as our carpenters whet a chissel; then they dig a pit about half a foot deep, and two or three yards in circumference: they pave the bottom with large pebble stones, which they lay down very smooth and even, and then kindle a fire in it with dry wood, leaves and the husks of the cocoa-nut. When the stones are sufficiently heated, they take out the embers, and rake up the ashes on every side; then they cover the stones with a layer

same manner; and, in our opinion, were more juicy and more equally done than by any art of cookery now practised in Europe. Bread-fruit is also cooked in an oven of the same kind, which renders it soft, and something like a boiled potatoe; not quite so farinaceous as a good one, but more so than those of the middling sort.

Of the bread-fruit they also make three dishes, by putting either water or the milk of the cocoa-nut to it, then beating it to a paste with a stone pestle, and afterwards mixing it with ripe plantains, bananas, or the sour paste which they call *Mahie*.

The mahie, which has been mentioned as a succedaneum for ripe bread-fruit, before the season for gathering a fresh crop comes on, is thus made:

The fruit is gathered just before it is perfectly ripe, and being laid in heaps, is closely covered with leaves; in this state it undergoes a

fermentation, and becomes disagreeably sweet: the core is then taken out entire, which is done by gently pulling the stalk, and the rest of the fruit is thrown into a hole which is dug for that purpose, generally in the houses, and neatly lined in the bottom and sides with grass; the whole is then covered with leaves, and heavy stones laid upon them: in this state it undergoes a second fermentation, and becomes sour, after which it will suffer no change for many months: it is taken out of the hole as it is wanted for use, and being made into balls, it is wrapped up in leaves and baked; after it is dressed, it will keep five or six weeks. It is eaten both cold and hot, and the natives seldom make a meal without it, though to us the taste was as disagreeable as that of a pickled olive generally is the first time it is eaten.

As the making of this mahie depends, like brewing, upon fermentation, so, like brewing, it

layer of green cocoa-nut-tree leaves, and wrap up the animal that is to be dressed in the leaves of the plantain; if it is a small hog they wrap it up whole, if a large one they split it. When it is placed in the pit, they cover it with the hot embers, and lay upon them bread-fruit and yams, which are also wrapped up in the leaves of the plantain; over these they spread the remainder of the embers, mixing among them some of the hot stones, with more cocoa-nut-tree leaves upon them, and then close all up with earth, so that the heat is kept in. After a time proportioned to the size of what is dressing, the oven is opened, and the meat taken out, which is tender, full of gravy, and, in my opinion, better in every respect than when it is dressed any other way. Excepting the fruit, they have no sauce but salt water, nor any knives but shells, with which they carve very dexterously, always cutting from them. It is impossible to describe the astonishment they expressed when they saw the Gunner, who, while he kept the market, used to dine on shore, dress his pork and poultry by boiling them in a pot; having, as I have before observed, no vessel that would bear the fire, they had no idea of hot water or its effects: but from the time that the old man was in possession of an iron pot, he and his friends eat boiled meat every day. The iron pots which I afterwards gave to the queen, and several of the Chiefs, were also in constant use, and brought as many people together, as a monster or a puppet-show in a country fair."

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sometimes fails, without their being able to ascertain the cause; it is very natural, therefore, that the making it should be connected with superstitious notions and ceremonies. It generally falls to the lot of the old women, who will suffer no creature to touch any thing belonging to it, but those whom they employ as assistants, nor even to go into that part of the house where the operation is carrying on. Mr. Banks happened to spoil a large quantity of it only by inadvertently touching a leaf which lay upon it. The old woman, who then presided over these mysteries, told him, that the process would fail; and immediately uncovered the hole in a fit of vexation and despair. Mr. Banks regretted the mischief he had done, but was somewhat consoled by the opportunity which it gave him of examining the preparation, which perhaps, but for such an accident, would never have offered.

Such is their food, to which salt-water is the universal sauce, no meal being eaten without it: those who live near the sea have it fetched as it is wanted; those who live at some distance keep it in large bamboos, which are set up in their houses, for use. Salt-water, however, is not their only sauce; they make another of the kernels of cocoa-nuts, which being fermented till they dissolve into a paste somewhat resembling butter, are beaten up with salt-water. The flavour of this is very strong, and was, when we first tasted it, exceedingly nauseous; a little use, however, reconciled some of us to it so much, that they preferred it to our own sauces, especially with fish. The natives seemed to consider it as a

dainty, and do not use it at their common meals; possibly, because they think it ill management to use cocoa-nuts so lavishly, or perhaps, when we were at the island, they were scarcely ripe enough for the purpose.

For drink, they have in general nothing but water, or the juice of the cocoa-nut; the art of producing liquors that intoxicate, by fermentation, being happily unknown among them; neither have they any narcotic which they chew, as the natives of some other countries do opium, beetle-root, and tobacco. Some of them drank freely of our liquors, and in a few instances became very drunk; but the persons to whom this happened were so far from desiring to repeat the debauch, that they would never touch any of our liquors afterwards. We were however informed, that they became drunk by drinking a juice that is expressed from the leaves of a plant which they call *Ava Ava*. This plant was not in season when we were there, so that we saw no instances of its effects; and as they considered drunkenness as a disgrace, they probably would have concealed from us any instances which might have happened during our stay. This vice is almost peculiar to the Chiefs, and considerable persons, who vie with each other in drinking the greatest number of draughts, each draught being about a pint. They keep this intoxicating juice with great care from their women.

Table they have none; but their apparatus for eating is set out with great neatness, though the articles are too simple and too few to allow any thing for show: and they commonly



commonly eat alone; but when a stranger happens to visit them, he sometimes makes a second in their mess. Of the meal of one of their principal people I shall give a particular description.

He sits down under the shade of the next tree, or on the shady side of his house, and a large quantity of leaves, either of the bread-fruit or banana, are neatly spread before him upon the ground as a table-cloth; a basket is then set by him that contains his provision, which, if fish or flesh, is ready dressed, and wrapped up in leaves, and two cocoa-nut shells, one full of salt water and the other of fresh: his attendants, which are not few, seat themselves round him, and when all is ready, he begins by washing his hands and his mouth thoroughly with the fresh-water, and this he repeats almost continually throughout the whole meal; he then takes part of his provision out of the basket, which generally consists of a small fish or two, two or three bread-fruits, fourteen or fifteen ripe bananas, or six or seven apples: he first takes half a bread-fruit, peels off the rind, and takes out the core with his nails; of this he puts as much into his mouth as it can hold, and while he chews it, takes the fish out of the leaves, and breaks one of them into the salt water, placing the other, and what remains of the bread-fruit, upon the leaves that have been spread before him. When this is done, he takes up a small piece of the fish that has been broken into the salt-water, with all the fingers of one hand, and sucks it into his mouth, so as to get with it as much of the salt-water as possible: in the same manner he takes

the rest by different morsels, and between each, at least very frequently, takes a small sup of the salt-water, either out of the cocoa-nut shell, or the palm of his hand: in the mean time one of his attendants has prepared a young cocoa-nut, by peeling off the outer rind with his teeth, an operation which to an European appears very surprising; but it depends so much upon slight, that many of us were able to do it before we left the island, and some that could scarcely crack a filbert: the master, when he chuses to drink, takes the cocoa-nut thus prepared, and boring a hole through the shell with his finger, or breaking it with a stone, he sucks out the liquor. When he has eaten his bread-fruit and fish, he begins with his plantains, one of which makes but a mouthful, though it be as big as a black-pudding; if instead of plantains he has apples, he never tastes them till they have been pared; to do this a shell is picked up from the ground, where they are always in plenty, and tossed to him by an attendant; he immediately begins to cut or scrape off the rind, but so awkwardly that great part of the fruit is wasted. If, instead of fish, he has flesh, he must have some succedaneum for a knife to divide it; and for this purpose a piece of bamboo is tossed to him, of which he makes the necessary implement by splitting it transversely with his nail. While all this has been doing, some of his attendants have been employed in beating bread-fruit with a stone pestle upon a block of wood; by being beaten in this manner, and sprinkled from time to time with water, it is reduced to the consist-

ence of a soft paste, and is then put into a vessel somewhat like a butcher's tray, and either made up alone, or mixed with banana or mahie, according to the taste of the master, by pouring water upon it by degrees and squeezing it often through the hand: under this operation it acquires the consistence of a thick custard, and a large cocoa-nut shell full of it being set before him, he sips it as we should do a jelly if we had no spoon to take it from the glass: the meal is then finished by again washing his hands and his mouth. After which the cocoa-nut shells are cleaned, and every thing that is left is replaced in the basket.

The quantity of food which these people eat at a meal is prodigious: I have seen one man devour two or three fishes as big as a perch; three bread-fruits, each bigger than two fists; fourteen or fifteen plantains or bananas, each of them six or seven inches long, and four or five round; and near a quart of the pounded bread-fruit, which is as substantial as the thickest unbaked custard. This is so extraordinary that I scarcely expect to be believed; and I would not have related it upon my own single testimony, but Mr. Banks, Dr. Solander, and most of the other Gentlemen, have had ocular demonstration of its truth, and know that I mention them upon the occasion.

It is very wonderful, that these people, who are remarkably fond of society, and particularly that of their women, should exclude its pleasures from the table, where among all other nations, whether civil or savage, they have been principally enjoyed. How a meal,

which every where else brings families and friends together, came to separate them here, we often enquired, but could never learn. They eat alone, they said, because it was right; but why it was right to eat alone, they never attempted to tell us: such, however, was the force of habit, that they expressed the strongest dislike, and even disgust, at our eating in society, especially with our women, and of the same victuals. At first, we thought this strange singularity arose from some superstitious opinion; but they constantly affirmed the contrary. We observed also some caprices in the custom, for which we could as little account as for the custom itself. We could never prevail with any of the women to partake of the victuals at our table when we were dining in company; yet they would go, five or six together, into the servants apartments, and there eat very heartily of whatever they could find, of which I have before given a particular instance; nor were they in the least disconcerted if we came in while they were doing it. When any of us have been alone with a woman, she has sometimes eaten in our company; but then she has expressed the greatest unwillingness that it should be known, and always extorted the strongest promises of secrecy.

Among themselves, even two brothers and two sisters have each their separate baskets, with provision and the apparatus of their meal. When they first visited us at our tents, each brought his basket with him; and when we sat down to table, they would go out, sit down upon the ground, at two or three yards distance from each other, and turning

turning their faces different ways, take their repast without interchanging a single word.

The women not only abstain from eating with the men, and of the same victuals, but even have their victuals separately prepared by boys kept for that purpose, who deposit it in a separate shed, and attend them with it at their meals.

But though they would not eat with us, or with each other, they have often asked us to eat with them, when we have visited those with whom we were particularly acquainted at their houses; and we have often upon such occasions eaten out of the same basket, and drank out of the same cup. The elder women, however, always appeared to be offended at this liberty; and if we happened to touch their victuals, or even the basket that contained it, would throw it away.

After meals, and in the heat of the day, the middle-aged people of the better sort generally sleep; they are indeed extremely indolent, and sleeping and eating is almost all that they do. Those that are older are less drowsy, and the boys and girls are kept awake by the natural activity and sprightliness of their age.

Their amusements have occasionally been mentioned in my account of the incidents that happened during our residence in this island, particularly music, dancing, wrestling, and shooting with the bow; they also sometimes vie with each other in throwing a lance. As shooting is not at a mark, but for distance; throwing the lance is not for distance, but at a mark: the weapon is about nine feet long,

the mark is the bole of a plantain, and the distance about twenty yards.

Their only musical instruments are flutes and drums; the flutes are made of a hollow bamboo about a foot long, and, as has been observed before, have only two stops, and consequently but four notes, out of which they seem hitherto to have formed but one tune; to these stops they apply the fore finger of the left hand, and the middle finger of the right.

The drum is made of a hollow block of wood, of a cylindrical form, solid at one end, and covered at the other with shark's skin: these they beat not with sticks, but their hands; and they know how to tune two drums of different notes into concord. They have also an expedient to bring the flutes that play together into unison, which is to roll up a leaf so as to slip over the end of the shortest, like our sliding tubes for telescopes, which they move up or down till the purpose is answered, of which they seem to judge by their ear with great nicety.

To these instruments they sing; and, as I have observed before, their songs are often extempore: they call every two verses or couplet in a song, *Pebay*; they are generally, though not always in rhyme; and when pronounced by the natives, we could discover that they were metre. Mr. Banks took great pains to write down some of them which were made upon our arrival, as nearly as he could express their sounds by combinations of our letters; but when we read them, not having their accent, we could scarcely make them either metre or rhyme.

rhyme. The reader will easily perceive that they are of very different structure.

Tede pahai de parow-a
Ha maru nō mina.

E pahah Tayo malama tai ya
No Tabane tonatou whannomi
ya.

E Turai eat tu terara patee whennua
toai
Ino o maio Pretane to whennuaia
no Tute.

Of these verses our knowledge of the language is too imperfect to attempt a translation. They frequently amuse themselves by singing such couplets as these when they are alone, or with their families, especially after it is dark; for though they need no fires, they are not without the comfort of artificial light between sun-set and bedtime. Their candles are made of the kernels of a kind of oily nut, which they stick one over another upon a skewer that is thrust through the middle of them; the upper one being lighted, burns down to the second, at the same time consuming that part of the skewer which goes through it; the second taking fire burns in the same manner down to the third, and so of the rest: some of these candles will burn a considerable time, and they give a very tolerable light. They do not often sit up above an hour after it is dark; but when they have strangers who sleep in the house, they generally keep a light burning all night, possibly as a check upon such of the women as they wish not to honour them with their favours.

Of their itinerary concerts I need add nothing to what has been said

already; especially as I shall have occasion, more particularly, to mention them when I relate our adventures upon another island.

In other countries, the girls and unmarried women are supposed to be wholly ignorant of what others upon some occasions may appear to know; and their conduct and conversation are consequently restrained within narrower bounds, and kept at a more remote distance from whatever relates to a connection with the other sex: but here it is just contrary. Among other diversions, there is a dance, called *Timorodee*, which is performed by young girls, whenever eight or ten of them can be collected together, consisting of motions and gestures beyond imagination wanton, in the practice of which they are brought up from their earliest childhood, accompanied by words, which, if it were possible, would more explicitly convey the same ideas. In these dances they keep time with an exactness which is scarcely excelled by the best performers upon the stages of Europe. But the practice which is allowed to the virgin, is prohibited to the woman from the moment that she has put these hopeful lessons in practice, and realized the symbols of the dance.

It cannot be supposed that, among these people, chastity is held in much estimation. It might be expected that sisters and daughters would be offered to strangers, either as a courtesy, or for reward; and that breaches of conjugal fidelity, even in the wife, should not be otherwise punished than by a few hard words, or perhaps a slight beating, as indeed is the case: but there is a scale in dissolute sensuality, which these people have ascended,

ascended, wholly unknown to every other nation whose manners have been recorded from the beginning of the world to the present hour, and which no imagination could possibly conceive.

A very considerable number of the principal people of Otaheite, of both sexes, have formed themselves into a society, in which every woman is common to every man; thus securing a perpetual variety as often as their inclination prompts them to seek it, which is so frequent, that the same man and woman seldom cohabit together more than two or three days.

These societies are distinguished by the name of *Arreoy*; and the members have meetings, at which no other is present, where the men amuse themselves by wrestling, and the women, notwithstanding their occasional connection with different men, dance the Timorodee in all its latitude, as an incitement to desires which it is said are frequently gratified upon the spot. This however is comparatively nothing. If any of the women happen to be with child, which in this manner of life happens less frequently than if they were to cohabit only with one man, the poor infant is smothered the moment it is born, that it may be no incumbrance to the father, nor interrupt the mother in the pleasures of her diabolical prostitution. It sometimes indeed happens, that the passion which prompts a woman to enter into this society, is surmounted when she becomes a mother, by that instinctive affection which Nature has given to all creatures for the preservation of their offspring; but even in this case, she is not permitted to spare the life of her infant,

except she can find a man who will patronise it as his child: if this can be done, the murder is prevented; but both the man and woman being deemed by this act to have appropriated each other, are ejected from the community, and forfeit all claim to the privileges and pleasures of the *Arreoy* for the future; the woman from that time being distinguished by the term *Whannownow*, "bearer of children," which is here a term of reproach; though none can be more honourable in the estimation of wisdom and humanity, of right reason, and every passion that distinguishes the man from the brute.

It is not fit that a practice so horrid and so strange should be imputed to human beings upon slight evidence, but I have such as abundantly justifies me in the account that I have given. The people themselves are so far from concealing their connection with such a society as a disgrace, that they boast of it as a privilege; and both myself and Mr. Banks, when particular persons have been pointed out to us as members of the *Arreoy*, have questioned them about it, and received the account that has been here given from their own lips. They have acknowledged, that they had long been of this accursed society, that they belonged to it at that time, and that several of their children had been put to death.

But I must not conclude my account of the domestic life of these people without mentioning their personal cleanliness. If that which lessens the good of life and increases the evil is vice, surely cleanliness is a virtue: the want of it tends to destroy both beauty and health, and mingles disgust with our best pleasures.

pleasures. The natives of Otaheite, both men and women, constantly wash their whole bodies in running water three times every day; once as soon as they rise in the morning, once at noon, and again before they sleep at night, whether the sea or river is near them or at a distance. I have already observed, that they wash not only the mouth, but the hands at their meals, almost between every morsel; and their clothes, as well as their persons, are kept without spot or stain; so that in a large company of these people, nothing is suffered but heat, which, perhaps, is more than can be said of the politest assembly in Europe.

If necessity is the mother of invention, it cannot be supposed to have been much exerted where the liberality of Nature has rendered the diligence of art almost superfluous; yet there are many instances both of ingenuity and labour among these people, which, considering the want of metal for tools, do honour to both.

Their principal manufacture is their cloth, in the making and dying of which I think there are some particulars, which may instruct even the artificers of Great-Britain, and for that reason my description will be more minute.

Their cloth is of three kinds; and it is made of the bark of three different trees, the Chinese paper mulberry, the bread-fruit tree, and the tree which resembles the wild fig-tree of the West-Indies.

The finest and whitest is made of the paper mulberry, *Aouta*; this is worn chiefly by the principal people, and when it is dyed red takes a better colour. A second sort, inferior in whiteness and soft-

ness, is made of the bread-fruit tree, *Ooroo*, and worn chiefly by the inferior people; and a third of the tree that resembles the fig, which is coarse and harsh, and of the colour of the darkest brown paper: this, though it is less pleasing both to the eye and the touch, is the most valuable, because it resists water, which the other two sorts will not. Of this, which is the most rare as well as the most useful, the greater part is perfumed, and worn by the chiefs as a morning dress.

All these trees are propagated with the greatest care, particularly the mulberry, which covers the largest part of the cultivated land, and is not fit for use after two or three years growth, when it is about six or eight feet high, and somewhat thicker than a man's thumb; its excellence is to be thin, strait, tall, and without branches: the lower leaves, therefore, are carefully plucked off, with their germs, as often as there is any appearance of their producing a branch.

But though the cloth made of these three trees is different, it is all manufactured in the same manner; I shall, therefore, describe the process only in the fine sort, that is made of the mulberry. When the trees are of a proper size, they are drawn up, and stripped of their branches, after which the roots and tops are cut off; the bark of these rods being then slit up longitudinally is easily drawn off, and, when a proper quantity has been procured, it is carried down to some running water, in which it is deposited to soak, and secured from floating away by heavy stones; when it is supposed to be sufficiently softened, the women servants go
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down to the brook, and stripping themselves, sit down in the water; to separate the inner bark from the green part on the outside; to do this they place the under-side upon a flat smooth board, and with the shell which our dealers call tyger's tongue, *Tellina gargadia*, scrape it very carefully, dipping it continually in the water till nothing remains but the fine fibres of the inner coat. Being thus prepared in the afternoon, they are spread out upon plantain leaves in the evening; and in this part of the work there appears to be some difficulty, as the mistress of the family always superintends the doing of it: they are placed in lengths of about eleven or twelve yards, one by the side of another, till they are about a foot broad, and two or three layers are also laid one upon the other: care is taken that the cloth shall be in all parts of an equal thickness, so that if the bark happens to be thinner in any particular part of one layer than the rest, a piece that is somewhat thicker is picked out to be laid over it in the next. In this state it remains till the morning, when great part of the water which it contained when it was laid out, is either drained off or evaporated, and the several fibres adhere together, so as that the whole may be raised from the ground in one piece.

It is then taken away, and laid upon the smooth side of a long piece of wood, prepared for the purpose, and beaten by the women servants, with instruments about a foot long, and three inches thick, made of a hard wood which they call *Etoa*. The shape of this instrument is not unlike a square razor strop, only that the handle is

longer, and each of its four sides or faces is marked, lengthways, with small grooves, or furrows, of different degrees of fineness; those on one side being of a width and depth sufficient to receive a small pack-thread, and the others finer in a regular gradation, so that the last are not more than equal to sewing silk.

They beat it first with the coarsest side of this mallet, keeping time like our smiths; it spreads very fast under the strokes, chiefly however in the breadth, and the grooves in the mallet mark it with the appearance of threads; it is successively beaten with the other sides, last with the finest, and is then fit for use. Sometimes, however, it is made still thinner, by beating it with the finest side of the mallet, after it has been several times doubled: it is then called *Hobon*, and is almost as thin as a muslin; it becomes very white by being bleached in the air, but is made still whiter and softer by being washed and beaten again after it has been worn.

Of this cloth there are several sorts, of different degrees of fineness, in proportion as it is more or less beaten without being doubled: the other cloth also differs in proportion as it is beaten; but they differ from each other in consequence of the different materials of which they are made. The bark of the bread-fruit is not taken till the trees are considerably longer and thicker than those of the fig; the process afterwards is the same.

When cloth is to be washed after it has been worn, it is taken down to the brook, and left to soak, being kept fast to the bottom, as at first, by a stone; it is then gently

wrung or squeezed ; and sometimes several pieces of it are laid one upon another, and beaten together with the coarsest side of the mallet, and they are then equal in thickness to broad-cloth, and much more soft and agreeable to the touch, after they have been a little while in use, though, when they come immediately from the mallet, they feel as if they had been starched. This cloth sometimes breaks in the beating, but is easily repaired by pasting on a patch with a gluten that is prepared from the root of the *Pea*, which is done so nicely that it cannot be discovered. The women also employ themselves in removing blemishes of every kind, as our ladies do in needle-work or knotting ; sometimes when their work is intended to be very fine, they will paste an entire covering of hoboo over the whole. The principal excellencies of this cloth are its coolness and softness ; and its imperfections, its being pervious to water like paper, and almost as easily torn.

The colours with which they die this cloth, are principally red and yellow. The red is exceedingly beautiful, and I may venture to say, a brighter and more delicate colour than any we have in Europe ; that which approaches nearest is our full scarlet, and the best imitation which Mr. Banks's natural-history painter could produce, was by a mixture of vermillion and carmine. The yellow is also a bright colour, but we have many as good.

[We shall here omit the description of the vegetables they use to procure the colours, and the manner in which they dye their cloths, to shew their ingenuity in other parts of their domestic œconomy.]

Another considerable manufacture is matting of various kinds ; some of which is finer, and better in every respect, than any we have in Europe : the coarser sort serves them to sleep upon, and the finer to wear in wet weather. With the fine, of which there are also two sorts, much pains is taken, especially with that made of the bark of the Poerou, the *Hibiscus tiliaceus* of Linnæus, some of which is as fine as a coarse cloth : the other sort, which is still more beautiful, they call *Vanne* ; it is white, glossy, and shining, and is made of the leaves of their *Wharrou*, a species of the *Pandanus*, of which we had no opportunity to see either the flowers or fruit : they have other matts, or as they call them *Mosas*, to sit or to sleep upon, which are formed of a great variety of rushes and grass, and which they make, as they do every thing else that is plaited, with amazing facility and dispatch.

They are also very dexterous in making basket and wicker-work ; their baskets are of a thousand different patterns, many of them exceedingly neat ; and the making them is an art that every one practises, both men and women : they make occasional baskets and panniers of the cocoa-nut leaf in a few minutes, and the women who visited us early in a morning used to send, as soon as the sun was high, for a few of the leaves, of which they made little bonnets to shade their faces, at so small an expence of time and trouble, that, when the sun was again low in the evening, they used to throw them away. These bonnets, however, did not cover the head, but consisted only of a band that went round it, and a shade

a shade that projected from the forehead.

Of the bark of the Poerou they make ropes and lines, from the thickness of an inch, to the size of a small packthread: with these they make nets for fishing: of the fibres of the cocoa-nut they make thread, for fastening together the several parts of their canoes, and belts, either round or flat, twisted or plaited; and of the bark of the *Erowa*, a kind of nettle which grows in the mountains, and is therefore rather scarce, they make the best fishing lines in the world: with these they hold the strongest and most active fish, such as bone-tas and albigores, which would snap our strongest silk lines in a minute, though they are twice as thick.

They make also a kind of seine, of a coarse broad grass, the blades of which are like flags: these they twist and tie together in a loose manner, till the net, which is about as wide as a large sack, is from sixty to eighty fathom long: this they haul in shoal smooth water, and its own weight keeps it so close to the ground, that scarcely a single fish can escape.

In every expedient, indeed, for taking fish, they are exceedingly ingenious; they make harpoons of cane, and point them with hard wood, which in their hands strike fish more effectually, than those which are headed with iron can do in ours, setting aside the advantage of ours being fastened to a line, so that the fish is secured if the hook takes place, though it does not mortally wound him.

Of fish-hooks they have two sorts, admirably adapted in their construction as well to the purpose

they are to answer, as to the materials of which they are made. One of these, which they call *Wit-tee Wittes*, is used for towing. The shank is made of mother-of-pearl, the most glossy that can be got: the inside, which is naturally the brightest, is put behind. To these hooks a tuft of white dog's or hog's hair is fixed, so as somewhat to resemble the tail of a fish; these implements, therefore, are both hook and bait, and are used with a rod of bamboo, and line of *Erowa*. The fisher, to secure his success, watches the flight of the birds which constantly attend the Bone-tas when they swim in shoals, by which he directs his canoe, and when he has the advantage of these guides, he seldom returns without a prize.

The other kind of hook is also made of mother-of-pearl, or some other hard shell: they cannot make them bearded like our hooks; but to effect the same purpose, they make the point turn inwards. These are made of all sizes, and used to catch various kinds of fish, with great success. The manner of making them is very simple, and every fisherman is his own artificer: the shell is first cut into square pieces, by the edge of another shell, and wrought into a form corresponding with the outline of the hook by pieces of coral, which are sufficiently rough to perform the office of a file; a hole is then bored in the middle, the drill being no other than the first stone they pick up that has a sharp corner: this they fix into the end of a piece of bamboo, and turn it between the hands like a chocolate mill; when the shell is perforated, and the hole sufficiently wide, a small file of coral

coral is introduced, by the application of which the hook is in a short time completed, few costing the artificer more time than a quarter of an hour.

Of their masonry, carving, and architecture, the reader has already formed some idea from the account that has been given of the Morais, or repositories of the dead: the other most important article of building and carving is their boats; and perhaps, to fabricate one of their principal vessels with their tools, is as great a work, as to build a British man of war with ours.

They have an adze of stone; a chissel, or gouge, of bone, generally that of a man's arm between the wrist and elbow; a rasp of coral; and the skin of a sting-ray, with coral sand, as a file or polisher.

This is a complete catalogue of their tools, and with these they build houses, construct canoes, hew stone, and fell, cleave, carve, and polish timber.

The stone which makes the blade of their adzes is a kind of Basaltes, of a blackish or grey colour, not very hard, but of considerable toughness: they are formed of different sizes; some, that are intended for felling, weigh from six to eight pounds; others, that are used for carving, not more than so many ounces; but it is necessary to sharpen both almost every minute; for which purpose, a stone and a cocoa-nut shell full of water are always at hand.

Their greatest exploit, to which these tools are less equal than to any other, is felling a tree: this requires many hands, and the constant labour of several days. When

it is down, they split it, with the grain, into planks from three to four inches thick, the whole length and breadth of the tree, many of which are eight feet in the girth, and forty to the branches, and nearly of the same thickness throughout. The tree generally used is in their language called *Avie*, the stem of which is tall and strait; though some of the smaller boats are made of the bread-fruit tree, which is a light spongy wood, and easily wrought. They smooth the plank very expeditiously and dexterously with their adzes, and can take off a thin coat from a whole plank, without missing a stroke. As they have not the art of warping a plank, every part of the canoe, whether hollow or flat, is shaped by hand.

The canoes, or boats, which are used by the inhabitants of this and the neighbouring islands, may be divided into two general classes; one of which they call *Ivababs*, the other *Pabies*.

The Ivahah is used for short excursions to sea, and is wall-sided and flat-bottomed; the Pahie for longer voyages, and is bow-sided and sharp-bottomed. The Ivahabs are all of the same figure, but of different sizes, and used for different purposes: the length is from seventy-two feet to ten, but the breadth is by no means in proportion; for those of ten feet are about a foot wide, and those of more than seventy are scarcely two. There is the fighting Ivahah, the fishing Ivahah, and the travelling Ivahah; for some of these go from one island to another. The fighting Ivahah is by far the longest, and the head and stern are considerably raised above the body, in a semi-

a semicircular form; particularly the stern, which is sometimes seventeen or eighteen feet high, though the boat itself is scarcely three. These never go to sea single; but are fastened together, side by side, at the distance of about three feet, by strong poles of wood, which are laid across them and lashed to the gunwales. Upon these, in the forepart, a stage or platform is raised, about ten or twelve feet long, and somewhat wider than the boats, which is supported by pillars about six feet high: upon this stage stand the fighting men, whose missile weapons are slings and spears; for, among other singularities in the manners of these people, their bows and arrows are used only for diversion, as we throw quoits: below these stages sit the rowers, who receive from them those that are wounded, and furnish fresh men to ascend in their room. Some of these have a platform of bamboos or other light wood, through their whole length, and considerably broader, by means of which they will carry a great number of men; but we saw only one fitted in this manner.

The fishing Ivahahs vary in length from about forty feet to the smallest size, which is about ten; all that are of the length of twenty-five feet and upwards, of whatever sort, occasionally carry sail. The travelling Ivahah is always double, and furnished with a small neat house, about five or six feet broad, and six or seven feet long, which is fastened upon the fore-part for the convenience of the principal people, who sit in them by day, and sleep in them at night. The fishing Ivahahs are sometimes

joined together, and have a house on board; but this is not common.

Those which are shorter than five-and-twenty feet, seldom or never carry sail; and, though the stern rises about four or five feet, have a flat head, and a board that projects forward about four feet.

The Pahie is also of different sizes, from sixty to thirty feet long; but, like the Ivahah, is very narrow. One that I measured was fifty-one feet long, and only one foot and a half wide at the top. In the widest part, it was about three feet; and this is the general proportion. It does not, however, widen by a gradual swell; but the sides being strait, and parallel, for a little way below the gunwale, it swells abruptly, and draws to a ridge at the bottom; so that a transverse section of it has somewhat the appearance of the mark upon cards called a Spade, the whole being much wider in proportion to its length. These, like the largest Ivahahs, are used for fighting; but principally for long voyages. The fighting Pahie, which is the largest, is fitted with the stage or platform, which is proportionably larger than those of the Ivahahs, as their form enables them to sustain a much greater weight. Those that are used for sailing are generally double; and the middle size are said to be the best sea-boats. They are sometimes out a month together, going from island to island; and sometimes, as we were credibly informed, they are a fortnight or twenty days at sea, and could keep it longer if they had more stowage for provisions, and conveniences to hold fresh water.

When any of these boats carry sail single, they make use of a log of wood which is fastened to the end of two poles that lie across the vessel, and project from six to ten feet, according to the size of the vessel, beyond its side, somewhat like what is used by the flying Proa of the Ladrone islands, and called in the account of Lord Anson's voyage, an Outrigger. To this outrigger the shrouds are fastened, and it is essentially necessary in trimming the boat when it blows fresh.

Some of them have one mast, and some two; they are made of a single stick, and when the length of the canoe is thirty feet, that of the mast is somewhat less than five-and-twenty; it is fixed to a frame that is above the canoe, and receives a sail of matting about one third longer than itself: the sail is pointed at the top, square at the bottom, and curved at the side; somewhat resembling what we call a shoulder of mutton sail, and used for boats belonging to men of war: it is placed in a frame of wood, which surrounds it on every side, and has no contrivance either for reefing or furling; so that, if either should become necessary, it must be cut away, which, however, in these equal climates can seldom happen. At the top of the mast are fastened ornaments of feathers, which are placed inclining obliquely forwards; the shape and position of which will be conceived at once from the figure, in one of the cuts.

The oars or paddles that are used with these boats, have a long handle, and a flat blade, not unlike a baker's peel. Of these every person in the boat has one, except

those that sit under the awning; and they push her forward with them at a good rate. These boats, however, admit so much water at the seams, that one person at least is continually employed in throwing it out. The only thing in which they excel is landing, and putting off from the shore in a surf: by their great length and high sterns they land dry, when our boats could scarcely land at all; and have the same advantages in putting off by the height of the head.

As connected with the navigation of these people, I shall mention their wonderful sagacity in foretelling the weather, at least the quarter from which the wind shall blow at a future time; they have several ways of doing this, of which however I know but one. They say, that the milky-way is always curved laterally; but sometimes in one direction, and sometimes in another: and that this curvature is the effect of its being already acted upon by the wind, and its hollow part therefore towards it; so that, if the same curvature continues a night, a corresponding wind certainly blows the next day. Of their rules, I shall not pretend to judge; but I know that, by whatever means, they can predict the weather, at least the wind, with much greater certainty than we can.

In their longer voyages, they steer by the sun in the day, and in the night by the stars; all of which they distinguish separately by names, and know in what part of the heavens they will appear in any of the months during which they are visible in their horizon; they also know the time of their annual appearing
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and disappearing, with more precision than will easily be believed by an European astronomer.

[We must pass over many other curious particulars, relative to this extraordinary people, to give such an account as could be procured of their form of government. Our author proceeds as follows.]

Though I dare not assert that these people, to whom the art of writing, and consequently the recording of laws, are utterly unknown, live under a regular form of government; yet a subordination is established among them, that greatly resembles the early state of every nation in Europe under the feudal system, which secured liberty in the most licentious excess to a few, and entailed the most abject slavery upon the rest.

Their orders are, *Earee rahie*, which answers to king; *Earee*, baron; *Manahouni*, vassal; and *Toutou*, villain. The *Earee rahie*, of which there are two in this island, one being the sovereign of each of the peninsulas of which it consists, is treated with great respect by all ranks, but did not appear to us to be invested with so much power as was exercised by the *Earees* in their own districts; nor indeed did we, as I have before observed, once see the sovereign of *Obereonoo*, while we were in the island. The *Earees* are lords of one or more of the districts into which each of the peninsulas is divided, of which there may be about one hundred in the whole island; and they parcel out their territories to the *Manahounies*, who cultivate each his part which he holds under the baron. The lowest class, called *Toutous*, seem to be nearly under the same circumstances as the villains in feu-

dal governments: these do all the laborious work, they cultivate the land under the *Manahounies*, who are only nominal cultivators for the lord, they fetch wood and water, and, under the direction of the mistress of the family, dress the victuals; they also catch the fish.

Each of the *Earees* keeps a kind of court, and has a great number of attendants, chiefly the younger brothers of their own tribe; and among these some hold particular offices, but of what nature exactly we could not tell. One was called the *Eowa no l'Earee*, and another the *Whanno no l'Earee*, and these were frequently dispatched to us with messages. Of all the courts of these *Earees*, that of *Tootahah* was the most splendid, as indeed might reasonably be expected, because he administered the government for *Outou*, his nephew, who was *Earee rahie* of *Obereonoo*, and lived upon his estate. The child of the baron or *Earee*, as well as of the sovereign or *Earee rahie*, succeeds to the title and honours of the father as soon as it is born: so that a baron, who was yesterday called *Earee*, and was approached with the ceremony of lowering the garments, so as to uncover the upper part of the body, is to-day, if his wife was last night delivered of a child, reduced to the rank of a private man, all marks of respect being transferred to the child, if it is suffered to live, though the father still continues possessor and administrator of his estate: probably this custom has its share, among other inducements, in forming the societies called *Arreoy*.

If a general attack happens to be made upon the island, every district under

under the command of an Earee, is obliged to furnish its proportion of soldiers for the common defence. The number furnished by the principal districts, which Tupia recollected, when added together, amounted, as I have observed before, to six thousand six hundred and eighty.

Upon such occasions, the united force of the whole island is commanded in chief by the Earee rahie. Private differences between two Earees, are decided by their own people, without at all disturbing the general tranquility.

Their weapons are slings, which they use with great dexterity, pikes headed with the stings of sting-rays, and clubs, of about six or seven feet long, made of a very hard heavy wood. Thus armed, they are said to fight with great obstinacy, which is the more likely to be true, as it is certain that they give no quarter to either man, woman, or child, who is so unfortunate as to fall into their hands during the battle, or for some hours afterwards, till their passion, which is always violent, though not lasting, has subsided.

The Earee rahie of Obereonoo, while we were here, was in perfect amity with the Earee rahie of Tiarreboo, the other peninsula, though he took himself the title of king of the whole island; this, however, produced no more jealousy in the other sovereign, than the title of king of France, assumed by our sovereign, does in his most Christian Majesty.

In a government so rude, it cannot be expected that distributive justice should be regularly administered, and indeed where there is so little opposition of interest, in consequence of the facility with

which every appetite and passion is gratified, there can be but few crimes. There is nothing like money, the common medium by which every want and every wish is supposed to be gratified by those who do not possess it; there is no apparently permanent good, which either fraud or force can unlawfully obtain; and when all the crimes that are committed by the inhabitants of civilized countries, to get money, are set out of the account, not many will remain: add to this, that where the commerce with women is restrained by no law, men will seldom be under any temptation to commit adultery, especially as one woman is always less preferred to another, where they are less distinguished by personal decorations, and the adventitious circumstances which are produced by the varieties of art, and the refinements of sentiment. That they are thieves is true; but as among these people no man can be much injured or benefited by theft, it is not necessary to restrain it by such punishments, as in other countries are absolutely necessary to the very existence of civil society. Tupia, however, tells us, that adultery is sometimes committed as well as theft. In all cases where an injury has been committed, the punishment of the offender lies with the sufferer: adultery, if the parties are caught in the fact, is sometimes punished with death in the first ardour of resentment; but without circumstances of immediate provocation, the female sinner seldom suffers more than a beating. As punishment, however, is enforced by no law, nor taken into the hand of any magistrate, it is not often inflicted, except the injured party

is the strongest; though the chiefs do sometimes punish their immediate dependents, for faults committed against each other, and even the dependents of others, if they are accused of any offence committed in their district.

[We shall conclude this article with the behaviour of the natives at parting, and an account of one of them who accompanied our gentlemen on the voyage in the Endeavour, and who was of great use to them upon various occasions: but who, together with his boy, unfortunately fell a victim to the noxious climate of Batavia.]

Among the natives who were almost constantly with us, was Tupia, whose name has been often mentioned in this narrative. He had been, as I have before observed, the first minister of Oberea, when she was in the height of her power: he was also the chief Tahowa or priest of the island, consequently well acquainted with the religion of the country, as well with respect to its ceremonies as principles. He had also great experience and knowledge in navigation, and was particularly acquainted with the number and situation of the neighbouring islands. This man had often expressed a desire to go with us, and on the 12th in the morning, having with the other natives left us the day before, he came on board, with a boy about thirteen years of age, his servant, and urged us to let him proceed with us on our voyage. To have such a person on board, was certainly desirable for many reasons; by learning his language, and teaching him ours, we should be able to acquire a much better knowledge of the customs, policy,

and religion of the people, than our short stay among them could give us, I therefore gladly agreed to receive them on board. As we were prevented from sailing to-day, by having found it necessary to make new stocks to our small and best bower anchors, the old ones having been totally destroyed by the worms, Tupia said, he would go once more on shore, and make a signal for the boat to fetch him off in the evening. He went accordingly, and took with him a miniature picture of Mr. Banks's, to shew his friends, and several little things to give them as parting presents.

After dinner, Mr. Banks being desirous to procure a drawing of the Morai belonging to Tootahah, at Eparré, I attended him thither, accompanied by Dr. Solander, in the pinnace. As soon as we landed, many of our friends came to meet us, though some absented themselves in resentment of what had happened the day before. We immediately proceeded to Tootahah's house, where we were joined by Oberea, with several others who had not come out to meet us, and a perfect reconciliation was soon brought about; in consequence of which they promised to visit us early the next day, to take a last farewell of us, as we told them we should certainly set sail in the afternoon. At this place also we found Tupia, who returned with us, and slept this night on board the ship for the first time.

On the next morning, Thursday the 13th of July, the ship was very early crowded with our friends, and surrounded by a multitude of canoes, which were filled with the natives of an inferior class. Between

tween eleven and twelve we weighed anchor, and as soon as the ship was under sail, the Indians on board took their leaves, and wept, with a decent and silent sorrow, in which there was something very striking and tender: the people in the canoes, on the contrary, seemed to vie with each other in the loudness of their lamentations, which we considered rather as affection than grief. Tupia sustained himself in this scene with a firmness and resolution truly admirable: he wept indeed, but the effort that he made to conceal his tears concurred, with them, to do him honour. He sent his last present, a shirt, by Otheothea, to Potomai, Tootahah's favourite mistress, and then went with Mr. Banks to the mast-head, waving to the canoes as long as they continued in sight.

Thus we took leave of Otaheite, and its inhabitants, after a stay of just three months: for much the greater part of the time we lived together in the most cordial friendship, and a perpetual reciprocation of good offices. The accidental differences which now and then happened, could not be more sincerely regretted on their part, than they were on ours: the principal causes were such as necessarily resulted from our situation and circumstances, in conjunction with the infirmities of human nature, from our not being able perfectly to understand each other, and from the disposition of the inhabitants to theft, which we could not at all times bear with or prevent. They had not, however, except in one instance, been attended with any fatal consequence; and to that accident were owing the measures that I took to prevent others of the same

kind. I hoped, indeed, to have availed myself of the impression which had been made upon them by the lives that had been sacrificed in their contest with the Dolphin, so as that the intercourse between us should have been carried on wholly without bloodshed; and by this hope all my measures were directed during the whole of my continuance at the island; and I sincerely wish, that whoever shall next visit it, may be still more fortunate. Our traffick here was carried on with as much order as in the best regulated market in Europe. It was managed principally by Mr. Banks, who was indefatigable in procuring provision and refreshments while they were to be had; but during the latter part of our time they became scarce, partly by the increased consumption at the fort and ship, and partly by the coming on of the season in which cocoa-nuts and bread-fruit fail. All kind of fruit we purchased for beads and nails, but no nails less than fortypenny were current: after a very short time we could never get a pig of more than ten or twelve pounds, for less than a hatchet; because, though these people set a high value upon spike nails, yet these being an article with which many people in the ship were provided, the women found a much more easy way of procuring them than by bringing down provisions.

The best articles for traffick here are axes, hatchets, spikes, large nails, looking-glasses, knives, and beads, for some of which, every thing that the natives have may be procured. They are indeed fond of fine linen cloth, both white and printed; but an ax worth half-a-crown, will fetch more than a piece of cloth worth twenty shillings.

*Of the Inhabitants of New Zealand;
from the same.*

THE stature of the men in general is equal to the largest of those in Europe: they are stout, well limbed, and fleshy; but not fat, like the lazy and luxurious inhabitants of the islands in the South Seas*: they are also exceedingly vigorous and active; and have an adroitness, and manual dexterity in an uncommon degree, which are discovered in whatever they do. I have seen the strokes of fifteen paddles on a side in one of their canoes made with incredible quickness, and yet with such minute exactness of time, that all the rowers seemed to be actuated by one common soul. Their colour in general is brown; but in a few deeper than that of a Spaniard, who has been exposed to the sun; in many not so deep. The women have not a feminine delicacy in their appearance, but their voice is remarkably soft; and by that, the dress of both sexes being the same, they are principally distinguished; they have, however, like the women of other countries, more airy cheerfulness, and a greater flow of animal spirits, than the other sex. Their hair, both of the head and beard, is black; and their teeth extremely regular, and as white as ivory: the features of both sexes are good; they seem to enjoy high health, and we saw many who appeared to be of a great age. The dispositions both

of the men and women seemed to be mild and gentle; they treat each other with the tenderest affection, but are implacable towards their enemies, to whom, as I have before observed, they never give quarter. It may perhaps, at first, seem strange, that where there is so little to be got by victory, there should so often be war; and that every little district of a country inhabited by people so mild and placid, should be at enmity with all the rest. But possibly more is to be gained by victory among these people than at first appears, and they may be prompted to mutual hostilities by motives which no degree of friendship or affection is able to resist. It appears, by the account that has already been given of them, that their principal food is fish, which can only be procured upon the sea coast; and there, in sufficient quantities, only at certain times: the tribes, therefore, who live inland, if any such there are, and even those upon the coast, must be frequently in danger of perishing by famine. Their country produces neither sheep, nor goats, nor hogs, nor cattle; tame fowls they have none, nor any art by which those that are wild can be caught in sufficient plenty to serve as provision. If there are any whose situation cuts them off from a supply of fish, the only succedaneum of all other animal food, except dogs, they have nothing to support life, but the vegetables that have already been mentioned, of

* These islands are situated between the latitudes of 34 and 48 degrees S. and between the longitudes of 181 and 194 degrees W.—Otaheite lies between 17 and 18 degrees South latitude, and 149 and 150 degrees Western longitude.

which the chief are fern root, yams, clams, and potatoes : when by any accident these fail, the distress must be dreadful ; and even among the inhabitants of the coast, many tribes must frequently be reduced to nearly the same situation, either by the failure of their plantations, or the deficiency of their dry stock, during the season when but few fish are to be caught. These considerations will enable us to account, not only for the perpetual danger in which the people who inhabit this country appear to live, by the care which they take to fortify every village, but for the horrid practice of eating those who are killed in battle ; for the hunger of him who is pressed by famine to fight, will absorb every feeling, and every sentiment which would restrain him from allaying it with the body of his adversary. It may however be remarked, that, if this account of the origin of so horrid a practice is true, the mischief does by no means end with the necessity that produced it : after the practice has been once begun on one side by hunger, it will naturally be adopted on the other by revenge. Nor is this all, for though it may be pretended, by some who wish to appear speculative and philosophical, that whether the dead body of an enemy be eaten or buried, is in itself a matter perfectly indifferent ; as it is, whether the breasts and thighs of a woman should be covered or naked ; and that prejudice and habit only make us shudder at the violation of custom in one instance, and blush at it in the other : yet, leaving this as a point of doubtful disputation, to be discussed at leisure, it may safely be affirmed, that the practice of eat-

ing human flesh, whatever it may be in itself, is relatively, and in its consequences, most pernicious ; tending manifestly to eradicate a principle which is the chief security of human life, and more frequently restrains the hand of murder than the sense of duty, or even the fear of punishment.

The situation and circumstances, however, of these poor people, as well as their temper, are favourable to those who shall settle as a colony among them. Their situation sets them in need of protection, and their temper renders it easy to attach them by kindness ; and whatever may be said in favour of a savage life, among people who live in luxurious idleness upon the bounty of Nature, civilization would certainly be a blessing to those whom her parsimony scarcely furnishes with the bread of life, and who are perpetually destroying each other by violence, as the only alternative of perishing by hunger.

But these people, from whatever cause, being inured to war, and by habit considering every stranger as an enemy, were always disposed to attack us when they were not intimidated by our manifest superiority. At first, they had no notion of any superiority but numbers ; and when this was on their side, they considered all our expressions of kindness as the artifices of fear and cunning, to circumvent them, and preserve ourselves : but when they were once convinced of our power, after having provoked us to the use of our fire-arms, though loaded only with small shot ; and of our clemency, by our forbearing to make use of weapons so dreadful except in our defence ;

defence: they became at once friendly, and even affectionate, placing in us the most unbounded confidence, and doing every thing which could incite us to put equal confidence in them. It is also remarkable, that when an intercourse was once established between us, they were very rarely detected in any act of dishonesty. Before, indeed, and while they considered us as enemies, who came upon their coast only to make an advantage of them, they did not scruple by any means to make an advantage of us; and would therefore, when they had received the price of any thing they had offered to sell, pack up both the purchase and the purchase-money with all possible composure, as so much lawful plunder from people who had no view but to plunder them.

I have observed that our friends in the South Seas had not even the idea of indecency, with respect to any object or any action; but this was by no means the case with the inhabitants of New Zealand, in whose carriage and conversation there was as much modest reserve and decorum with respect to actions, which yet in their opinion were not criminal, as are to be found among the politest people in Europe. The women were not impregnable; but the terms and manner of compliance were as decent as those in marriage among us, and according to their notions, the agreement was as innocent. When any of our people made an overture to one of their young women, he was given to understand that the consent of her friends was necessary, and by the influence of a proper present, it was generally

obtained; but when these preliminaries were settled, it was also necessary to treat the wife for a night with the same delicacy that is here required by the wife for life, and the lover who presumed to take any liberties by which this was violated, was sure to be disappointed.

One of our gentlemen having made his addressee to a family of the better sort, received an answer, which, translated into our language, according to the mode and spirit of it, as well as the letter, would have been exactly in these terms: "Any of these young ladies will think themselves honoured by your addressee, but you must first make me a suitable present, and you must then come and sleep with us on shore, for daylight must by no means be a witness of what passes between you."

I have already observed, that in personal cleanliness they are not quite equal to our friends at Otaheite; because, not having the advantage of so warm a climate, they do not so often go into the water; but the most disgusting thing about them is the oil, with which, like the Islanders, they anoint their hair: it is certainly the fat either of fish or of birds, melted down, and though the better sort have it fresh, their inferiors use that which is rancid, and consequently are almost as disagreeable to the smell as a Hottentot; neither are their heads free from vermin, though we observed that they were furnished with combs, both of bone and wood: these combs are sometimes worn stuck upright in the hair as an ornament, a fashion which at present prevails among the ladies of England. The
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men generally wear their beards short, and their hair tied upon the crown of the head in a bunch, in which they stick the feathers of various birds, in different manners, according to their fancies; sometimes one is placed on each side of the temples, pointing forwards, which we thought made a very disagreeable appearance. The women wear their hair sometimes cropped short, and sometimes flowing over their shoulders.

The bodies of both sexes are marked with the black stains called Amoco, by the same method that is used at Otaheite, and called Tattowing; but the men are more marked, and the women less. The women in general stain no part of their bodies but the lips, though sometimes they are marked with small black patches on other parts: the men, on the contrary, seem to add something every year to the ornaments of the last, so that some of them, who appeared to be of an advanced age, were almost covered from head to foot. Besides the Amoco, they have marks impressed by a method unknown to us, of a very extraordinary kind: they are furrows of about a line deep, and a line broad, such as appear upon the bark of a tree which has been cut through, after a year's growth: the edges of these furrows are afterwards indented by the same method, and being perfectly black, they make a most frightful appearance. The faces of the old men are almost covered with these marks; those who are very young, black only their lips like the women; when they are somewhat older, they have generally a black patch upon one cheek, and over one eye, and so proceed gradually,

that they may grow old and honourable together: but though we could not but be disgusted with the horrid deformity which these stains and furrows produced in the "human face divine," we could not but admire the dexterity and art with which they were impressed. The marks upon the face in general are spirals, which are drawn with great nicety, and even elegance, those on one side exactly corresponding with those on the other: the marks on the body somewhat resemble the foliage in old chased ornaments, and the convolutions of fillagree work; but in these they have such a luxuriance of fancy, that of an hundred, which at first sight appeared to be exactly the same, no two were, upon a close examination, found to be alike. We observed, that the quantity and form of these marks were different in different parts of the coast, and that as the principal seat of them at Otaheite was the breech, in New Zealand it was sometimes the only part which was free, and in general was less distinguished than any other.

The skins of these people, however, are not only dyed, but painted; for, as I have before observed, they smear their bodies with red ocher, some rubbing it on dry, and some applying it on large patches mixed with oil, which is always wet, and which the least touch will rub off, so that the transgressions of such of our people as were guilty of ravishing a kiss from these blooming beauties, were most legibly written upon their faces.

The dress of a New Zealander is certainly, to a stranger at first sight, the most uncouth that can be imagined. It is made of the

leaves of the flag, which has been described among the vegetable productions of this country: these leaves are split into three or four slips, and the slips, when they are dry, interwoven with each other into a kind of stuff between netting and cloth, with all the ends, which are eight or nine inches long, hanging out on the upper side, like the shag or thrumb matts, which we sometimes see lying in a passage. Of this cloth, if cloth it may be called, two pieces serve for a complete dress; one of them is tied over their shoulders with a string, and reaches as low as the knees; to the end of this string is fastened a bodkin of bone, which is easily passed through any two parts of this upper garment, so as to tack them together; the other piece is wrapped round the waist, and reaches nearly to the ground: the lower garment, however, is worn by the men only upon particular occasions; but they wear a belt, to which a string is fastened, for a very singular use. The inhabitants of the South Sea islands slit up the prepuce so as to prevent it from covering the glans of the penis, but these people, on the contrary, bring the prepuce over the glans, and to prevent it from being drawn back by the contraction of the part, they tie the string which hangs from their girdle, round the end of it. The glans indeed seemed to be the only part of their body which they were solicitous to conceal, for they frequently threw off all their dress but the belt and string, with the most careless indifference, but shewed manifest signs of confusion, when to gratify our curiosity, they were requested to untie the string, and never consented but with the ut-

most reluctance and shame. When they have only their upper garment on, and sit upon their hams, they bear some resemblance to a thatched house; but this covering, though it is ugly, is well adapted to the use of those who frequently sleep in the open air, without any other shelter from the rain.

But besides this coarse shag or thatch, they have two sorts of cloth, which have an even surface, and are very ingeniously made, in the same manner with that manufactured by the inhabitants of South America, some of which we procured at Rio de Janeiro. One sort is as coarse as our coarsest canvas, and somewhat resembles it in the manner of laying the threads, but it is ten times as strong: the other is formed by many threads lying very close one way, and a few crossing them the other, so as to bind them together; but these are about half an inch asunder, somewhat like the round pieces of cane matting which are sometimes placed under the dishes upon a table. This is frequently striped, and always had a pretty appearance, for it is composed of the fibres of the same plant, which are prepared so as to shine like silk. It is made in a kind of frame of the size of the cloth, generally about five feet long, and four broad, across which the long threads, which lie close together, or warp, are strained, and the cross threads, or woof, are worked in by hand, which must be a very tedious operation.

To both these kinds of cloth they work borders of different colours, in stitches, somewhat like carpeting, or rather like those used in the samplers which girls work at school. These borders are of various

various patterns, and wrought with a neatness, and even an elegance, which, considering they have no needle, is surprising: but the great pride of their dress consists in the fur of their dogs, which they use with such œconomy that they cut it into stripes, and sew them upon their cloth at a distance from each other, which is a strong proof that dogs are not plenty among them; these stripes are also of different colours, and disposed so as to produce a pleasing effect. We saw some dresses that were adorned with feathers instead of fur, but these were not common; and we saw one that was intirely covered with the red feathers of the parrot.

The dress of the man who was killed, when we first went ashore in Poverty Bay, has been described already; but we saw the same dress only once more during our stay upon the coast, and that was in Queen Charlotte's Sound.

The women, contrary to the custom of the sex in general, seemed to affect dress rather less than the men: their hair, which, as I have observed before, is generally cropt short, is never tied upon the top of the head when it is suffered to be long, nor is it ever adorned with feathers. Their garments were made of the same materials, and in the same form, as those of the other sex, but the lower one was always bound fast round them, except when they went into the water to catch lobsters, and then they took great care not to be seen by the men. Some of us happening one day to land upon a small island in Tolaga Bay, we surprized several of them at this employment; and the chaste Diana, with her

nymphs, could not have discovered more confusion and distress at the sight of Actæon, than these women expressed upon our approach. Some of them hid themselves among the rocks, and the rest crouched down in the sea till they had made themselves a girdle and apron of such weeds as they could find, and when they came out, even with this veil, we could perceive that their modesty suffered much pain by our presence. The girdle and apron which they wear in common, have been mentioned before.

Both sexes bore their ears, and by stretching them the holes become large enough to admit a finger at least. In these holes they wear ornaments of various kinds, cloth, feathers, bones of large birds, and even sometimes a stick of wood; and to these receptacles of finery they generally applied the nails which we gave them, and every thing which it was possible they could contain. The women sometimes thrust through them the down of the albatross, which is as white as snow, and which, spreading before and behind the hole in a bunch almost as big as the fist, makes a very singular, and however strange it may be thought, not a disagreeable appearance. Besides the ornaments that are thrust through the holes of the ears, many others are suspended to them by strings; such as chissels or bodkins made of green talc, upon which they set a high value, the nails and teeth of their deceased relations, the teeth of dogs, and every thing else that they can get, which they think either curious or valuable. The women also wear bracelets and anklets, made of the bones of birds, shells, or any other substances

substances which they can perforate and string upon a thread. The men had sometimes hanging to a string, which went round the neck, a piece of green talc, or whalebone, somewhat in the shape of a tongue, with the rude figure of a man carved upon it: and upon this ornament they set a high value. In one instance, we saw the gristle that divides the nostrils, and called by anatomists, the *septum nasi*, perforated, and a feather thrust through the hole, which projected on each side over the cheeks: it is probable that this frightful singularity was intended as an ornament, but of the many people we saw, we never observed it in any other, nor even a perforation that might occasionally serve for such a purpose.

Their houses are the most artificially made of any thing among them, being scarcely equal, except in size, to an English dog-kennel: they are seldom more than eighteen or twenty feet long, eight or ten broad, and five or six high, from the pole that runs from one end to the other, and forms the ridge, to the ground: the framing is of wood, generally slender sticks, and both walls and roof consist of dry grass and hay, which, it must be confessed, is very tightly put together; and some are also lined with the bark of trees, so that in cold weather they must afford a very comfortable retreat. The roof is sloping, like those of our barns, and the door is at one end, just high enough to admit a man, creeping upon his hands and knees: near the door is a square hole, which serves the double office of window and chimney, for the fire place is at that end, nearly in the

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middle between the two sides: in some conspicuous part, and generally near the door, a plank is fixed, covered with carving after their manner: this they value as we do a picture, and in their estimation it is not an inferior ornament: the side walls and roof project about two feet beyond the walls at each end, so as to form a kind of porch, in which there are benches for the accommodation of the family. That part of the floor which is allotted for the fire-place, is enclosed in a hollow square, by partitions either of wood or stone, and in the middle of it the fire is kindled. The floor, along the inside of the walls, is thickly covered with straw, and upon this the family sleep.

Their furniture and implements consists of but few articles, and one chest commonly contains them all, except their provision-baskets, the gourds that hold their fresh water, and the hammers that are used to beat their fern-root, which generally stand without the door: some rude tools, their cloaths, arms, and a few feathers to stick in their hair, make the rest of their treasure.

Some of the better sort, whose families are large, have three or four houses enclosed within a courtyard, the walls of which are constructed of poles and hay, and are about ten or twelve feet high.

When we were on shore in the district called Tolaga, we saw the ruins, or rather the frame of a house, for it had never been finished, much superior in size to any that we saw elsewhere: it was thirty feet in length, about fifteen in breadth, and twelve high: the sides of it were adorned with many carved planks, of a workmanship much superior to any other that

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we had met with in the country ; for what purpose it was built, or why it was deserted, we could never learn.

But these people, though in their houses they are so well defended from the inclemency of the weather, seem to be quite indifferent whether they have any shelter at all during their excursions in search of fern roots and fish, sometimes setting up a small shade to windward, and sometimes altogether neglecting even that precaution, sleeping with their women and children under bushes, with their weapons ranged round them, in the manner that has already been described. The party consisting of forty or fifty, whom we saw at Mercury Bay, in a district which the natives call Opoorage, never erected the least shelter while we staid there, though it sometimes rained incessantly for four and twenty hours together.

The articles of their food have been enumerated already ; the principal, which to them is what bread is to the inhabitants of Europe, is the roots of the fern which grows upon the hills, and is nearly the same with what grows upon our high commons in England, and is called indifferently fern, bracken, or brakes. The birds which sometimes serve them for a feast, are chiefly penguins and albatrosses, with a few other species that have been occasionally mentioned in this narrative.

Having no vessel in which water can be boiled, their cookery consists wholly of baking and roasting. They bake nearly in the same manner as the inhabitants of the South Seas, and to the account that has been already given of their

roasting, nothing need be added, but that the long skewer or spit to which the flesh is fastened, is placed sloping towards the fire, by setting one stone against the bottom of it, and supporting it near the middle with another, by the moving of which to a greater or less distance from the end, the degree of obliquity is increased or diminished at pleasure.

To the northward, as I have observed, there are plantations of yams, sweet potatoes, and coccos, but we saw no such to the southward ; the inhabitants therefore of that part of the country must subsist wholly upon fern root and fish, except the scanty and accidental resource which they may find in sea fowl and dogs ; and that fern and fish are not to be procured at all seasons of the year, even at the sea side, and upon the neighbouring hills, is manifest from the stores of both that we saw laid up dry, and the reluctance which some of them expressed at selling any part of them to us when we offered to purchase them, at least the fish, for sea stores ; and this particular seems to confirm my opinion that this country scarcely sustains the present number of its inhabitants, who are urged to perpetual hostilities by hunger, which naturally prompted them to eat the dead bodies of those who were slain in the contest.

Water is their universal and only liquor, as far as we could discover, and if they have really no means of intoxication, they are, in this particular, happy beyond any other people that we have yet seen or heard of.

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but intemperance and inactivity, it cannot be thought strange that these people enjoy perfect and uninterrupted health: in all our visits to their towns, where young and old, men and women, crowded about us, prompted by the same curiosity that carried us to look at them, we never saw a single person who appeared to have any bodily complaint, nor among the numbers that we have seen naked, did we once perceive the slightest eruption upon the skin, or any marks that an eruption had left behind: at first, indeed, observing, that some of them when they came off to us were marked in patches with a white flowery appearance upon different parts of their bodies, we thought that they were leprous, or highly scorbutic; but upon examination we found that these marks were owing to their having been wetted by the spray of the sea in their passage, which, when it was dried away, left the salts behind it in a fine white powder.

Another proof of health, which we have mentioned upon a former occasion, is the facility with which the wounds healed that had left scars behind them, and that we saw in a recent state; when we saw the man who had been shot with a musket ball through the fleshy part of his arm, his wound seemed to be so well digested, and in so fair a way of being perfectly healed, that if I had not known no application had been made to it, I should certainly have enquired, with a very interested curiosity, after the vulnerary herbs and surgical art of the country.

A farther proof that human nature is here untainted with disease, is the great number of old men that we saw, many of whom, by

the loss of their hair and teeth, appeared to be very ancient, yet none of them were decrepit, and though not equal to the young in muscular strength, were not a whit behind them in cheerfulness and vivacity.

The ingenuity of these people appears in nothing more than in their canoes: they are long and narrow, and in shape very much resemble a New England whale boat: the larger sort seem to be built chiefly for war, and will carry from forty to eighty, or an hundred armed men. We measured one which lay ashore at Tolaga; she was sixty-eight feet and a half long, five feet broad, and three feet and an half deep; the bottom was sharp, with strait sides like a wedge, and consisted of three lengths, hollowed out to about two inches, or an inch and an half thick, and well fastened together with strong plaiting: each side consisted of one intire plank, sixty-three feet long, ten or twelve inches broad, and about an inch and quarter thick, and these were fitted and lashed to the bottom part with great dexterity and strength. A considerable number of thwarts were laid from gunwale to gunwale, to which they were securely lashed on each side, as a strengthening to the boat. The ornament at the head projected five or six feet beyond the body, and was about four feet and a half high; the ornament at the stern was fixed upon that end, as the stern post of a ship is upon her keel, and was about fourteen feet high, two feet broad, and an inch and an half thick. They both consisted of boards of carved work, of which the design was much better than the execution. All their canoes, except a few

few at Opoorage or Mercury Bay, which were of one piece, and hollowed by fire, are built after this plan, and few are less than twenty feet long : some of the smaller sort have outriggers, and sometimes two of them are joined together, but this is not common. The carving upon the stern and head ornaments of the inferior boats, which seem to be intended wholly for fishing, consists of the figure of a man, with a face as ugly as can be conceived, and a monstrous tongue thrust out of the mouth, with the white shells of sea-ears stuck in for the eyes. But the canoes of the superior kind, which seem to be their men of war, are magnificently adorned with open work, and covered with loose fringes of black feathers, which had a most elegant appearance : the gunwale boards were also frequently carved in a grotesque taste, and adorned with tufts of white feathers placed upon a black ground. Of visible objects that are wholly new, no verbal description can convey a just idea, but in proportion as they resemble some that are already known, to which the mind of the reader must be referred : the carving of these people being of a singular kind, and not in the likeness of any thing that is known on our side of the ocean, either “ in the heaven above, or “ in the earth beneath, or in the “ waters that are under the earth,” I must refer wholly to the representations which will be found of it in Plate XV.

The paddles are small, light, and neatly made ; the blade is of an oval shape, or rather of a shape resembling a large leaf, pointed at the bottom, broadest in the middle, and gradually losing itself in the shaft, the whole length being about

six feet, of which the shaft or loom including the handle is four, and the blade two. By the help of these oars they push on their boats with amazing velocity.

In sailing they are not expert, having no art of going otherwise than before the wind : the sail is of netting or matt, which is set up between two poles that are fixed upright upon each gunwale, and serve both for masts and yards : two ropes answered the purpose of sheets, and were consequently fastened above to the top of each pole. But clumsy and inconvenient as this apparatus is, they make good way before the wind, and are steered by two men who sit in the stern, with each a paddle in his hand for that purpose.

Having said thus much of their workmanship, I shall now give some account of their tools ; they have adzes, axes, and chissels, which serve them also as augers for boring of holes : as they have no metal, their adzes and axes are made of a hard black stone, or of a green talc, which is not only hard but tough ; and their chissels of human bone, or small fragments of jasper, which they chip off from a block in sharp angular pieces like a gun-flint. Their axes they value above all that they possess, and never would part with one of them for any thing that we could give : I once offered one of the best axes I had in the ship, besides a number of other things, for one of them, but the owner would not sell it : from which I conclude that good ones are scarce among them. Their small tools of jasper, which are used in finishing their nicest work, they use till they are blunt, and then, as they have no means of sharpening them, throw them away.



away. We had given the people at Tolaga a piece of glass, and in a short time they found means to drill a hole through it, in order to hang it round the neck as an ornament by a thread: and we imagine the tool must have been a piece of this jasper. How they bring their large tools first to an edge, and sharpen the weapon which they call Patoo-Patoo, we could not certainly learn; but probably it is by bruising the same substance to powder, and, with this, grinding two pieces against each other.

Their nets, particularly their seine, which is of an enormous size, have been mentioned already: one of these seems to be the joint work of a whole town, and I suppose it to be the joint property also: the other net, which is circular, and extended by two or three hoops, has been particularly described as well as the manner of baiting and using it. Their hooks are of bone or shell, and in general are ill made. To receive the fish when it is caught, and to hold their other provisions, they have baskets of various kinds and dimensions, very neatly made of wicker work.

They excel in tillage, as might naturally be expected where the person that sows is to eat the produce, and where there is so little besides that can be eaten: when we first came to TEGADOO, a district between Poverty Bay and East Cape, their crops were just covered, and had not yet begun to sprout; the mould was as smooth as in a garden, and every root had its small hillock, ranged in a regular quincunx by lines, which with the pegs were still remaining in the field. We had not an opportunity to see any of these husbandmen work; but we saw what serves

them at once for spade and plough: this instrument is nothing more than a long narrow flake sharpened to an edge at one end, with a short piece fastened transversely at a little distance above it, for the convenience of pressing it down with the foot. With this they turn up pieces of ground six or seven acres in extent, though it is not more than three inches broad; but as the soil is light and sandy it makes little resistance.

Tillage, weaving, and the other arts of peace, seem to be best known and most practised in the northern part of this country; for there is little appearance of any of them in the South: but the arts of war flourish equally through the whole coast.

Of weapons they have no great variety, but such as they have are well fitted for destruction; they have spears, darts, battle-axes, and the Patoo-Patoo. The spear is fourteen or fifteen feet long, pointed at both ends, and sometimes headed with bone; these are grasped by the middle, so that the part behind balancing that before, makes a push more difficult to be parried, than that of a weapon which is held by the end. The dart and other weapons have been sufficiently described already; and it has also been remarked, that these people have neither sling nor bow. They throw the dart by hand, and so they do stones; but darts and stones are seldom used except in defending their forts. Their battles, whether in boats or on shore, are generally hand to hand, and the slaughter must consequently be great, as a second blow with any of their weapons is unnecessary, if the first takes place: their trust, however, seems to be principally

principally placed in the Patoo-Patoo, which is fastened to their wrists by a strong strap, lest it should be wrenched from them, and which the principal people generally wear sticking in their girdles, considering it as a military ornament, and part of their dress, like the poniard of the Asiatic, and the sword of the European.* They have no defensive armour; but, besides their weapons, the Chiefs carried a staff of distinction, in the same manner as our officers do the sponoon: this was generally the rib of a whale, as white as snow, with many ornaments of carved work, dog's hair, and feathers; but sometimes it was a stick, about six feet long, adorned in the same manner, and inlaid with a shell like mother-of-pearl. Those who bore this mark of distinction were generally old, at least past the middle age, and were also more marked with the *Amoco* than the rest.

One or more persons, thus distinguished, always appeared in each canoe, when they came to attack us, according to the size of it. When they came within about a cable's length of the ship, they used to stop, and the Chiefs rising from their seat, put on a dress which seemed appropriated to the occasion, generally of dog's skin, and holding out their decorated staff, or a weapon, directed the rest of the people what they should do. When they were at too great a distance to reach us with a lance or a stone, they presumed that we had no weapon with which we could reach them; here then the

defiance was given, and the words were almost universally the same, *Haromai, baromai, barre uta a Patoo-Patoo oge*: "Come to us, come on shore, and we will kill you all with our Patoo-Patoos." While they were uttering these menaces they came gradually nearer and nearer, till they were close alongside; talking at intervals in a peaceable strain, and answering any questions that we asked them; and at intervals renewing their defiance and threats, till being encouraged by our apparent timidity, they began their war-song and dance, as a prelude to an attack, which always followed, and was sometimes continued till it became absolutely necessary to repress them by firing some small-shot; and sometimes ended after throwing a few stones on board, as if content with having offered us an insult which we did not dare to revenge.

The war-dance consists of a great variety of violent motions, and hideous contortions of the limbs, during which the countenance also performs its part: the tongue is frequently thrust out to an incredible length, and the eye-lids so forcibly drawn up that the white appears both above and below, as well as on each side of the iris, so as to form a circle round it; nor is any thing neglected that can render the human shape frightful and deformed: at the same time they brandish their spears, shake their darts, and cleave the air with their Patoo-Patoos. This horrid dance is always accompanied by a song;

* This weapon is made of green talc, extremely well polished, about a foot long, and thick enough to weigh four or five pounds; it is shaped somewhat like a pointed battledore, with a short handle and sharp edges, and is well contrived for close fighting, as it would certainly split the strongest skull at a single blow.

it is wild indeed, but not disagreeable, and every strain ends in a loud and deep sigh, which they utter in concert. In the motions of the dance, however horrid, there is a strength, firmness, and agility, which we could not but behold with admiration; and in their song they keep time with such exactness, that I have often heard above an hundred paddles struck against the sides of their boats at once, so as to produce but a single sound, at the divisions of their music.

A song not altogether unlike this, they sing without the dance, and as a peaceable amusement: they have also other songs which are sung by the women, whose voices are remarkably mellow and soft, and have a pleasing and tender effect; the time is slow, and the cadence mournful; but it is conducted with more taste than could be expected among the poor ignorant savages of this half desolate country; especially as it appeared to us, who were none of us much acquainted with music as a science, to be sung in parts; it was at least sung by many voices at the same time.

They have sonorous instruments, but they can scarcely be called instruments of music; one is the shell, called the Triton's trumpet, with which they make a noise not unlike that which our boys sometimes make with a cow's horn: the other is a small wooden pipe, resembling a child's nine-pin, only much smaller, and in this there is no more music than in a pea-whistle. They seem sensible indeed that these instruments are not musical; for we never heard an attempt to sing to them, or to produce with them any measured

tones that bore the least resemblance to a tune.

To what has been already said of the practice of eating human flesh, I shall only add, that in almost every cove where we landed, we found fresh bones of men near the places where fires had been made; and that among the heads that were brought on board by the old man, some seemed to have false eyes, and ornaments on their ears as if alive. That which Mr. Banks bought was sold with great reluctance by the possessor: the head was manifestly that of a young person about fourteen or fifteen years of age, and by the contusions on one side appeared to have received many violent blows, and indeed a part of the bone near the eye was wanting. These appearances confirmed us in the opinion that the natives of this country give no quarter, nor take any prisoners to be killed and eaten at a future time, as is said to have been a practice among the Indians of Florida: for if prisoners had been taken, this poor young creature, who cannot be supposed capable of making much resistance, would probably have been one, and we knew that he was killed with the rest, for the fray had happened but a few days before.

The towns or Hippahs of these people, which are all fortified, have been sufficiently described already, and from the Bay of Plenty to Queen Charlotte's Sound they seem to be the constant residence of the people; but about Poverty Bay, Hawk's Bay, Tegadoo, and Tolaga, we saw no Hippahs, but single houses scattered at a distance from each other: yet upon the sides of the hills there were stages of a great length, furnished with

stones and darts, probably as retreats for the people at the last extremity, as upon these stages a fight may be carried on with much advantage against those below, who may be reached with great effect by darts and stones, which it is impossible for them to throw up with equal force. And indeed the forts themselves seem to be no farther serviceable than by enabling the possessors to repel a sudden attack; for as there is no supply of water within the lines, it would be impossible to sustain a siege. A considerable stock of fern-root and dry fish is indeed laid up in them; but they may be reserved against seasons of scarcity, and that such seasons there are, our observations left us no room to doubt; besides, while an enemy should be prowling in the neighbourhood, it would be easy to snatch a supply of water from the side of the hill, though it would be impossible to dig up fern root or catch fish.

In this district, however, the people seemed to live in a state of conscious security, and to avail themselves of their advantage: their plantations were more numerous, their canoes were more decorated, and they had not only finer carving, but finer clothes. This part of the coast also was much the most populous, and possibly their apparent peace and plenty might arise from their being united under one Chief, or King; for the inhabitants of all this part of the country told us, that they were the subjects of Teratu: when they pointed to the residence of this Prince, it was in a direction which we thought inland; but which, when we knew the country better, we found to be the Bay of Plenty.

It is much to be regretted that

we were obliged to leave this country without knowing any thing of Teratu but his name. As an Indian monarch, his territory is certainly extensive: he was acknowledged from Cape Kidnappers to the northward, and westward as far as the Bay of Plenty, a length of coast upwards of eighty leagues; and we do not yet know how much farther westward his dominions may extend. Possibly the fortified towns which we saw in the Bay of Plenty may be his barrier; especially as at Mercury Bay he was not acknowledged, nor indeed any other single Chief: for wherever we landed, or spoke with the people upon that coast, they told us that we were at but a small distance from their enemies.

In the dominions of Teratu we saw several subordinate Chiefs, to whom great respect was paid, and by whom justice was probably administered: for upon our complaint to one of them, of a theft that had been committed on board the ship by a man that came with him, he gave him several blows and kicks, which the other received as the chastisement of authority, against which no resistance was to be made, and which he had no right to resent. Whether this authority was possessed by appointment or inheritance we could not learn; but we observed that the Chiefs, as well here as in other parts, were elderly men. In other parts, however, we learnt that they possessed their authority by inheritance.

The little societies which we found in the southern parts seemed to have several things in common, particularly their fine clothes and fishing nets. Their fine clothes, which possibly might be the spoils of war, were kept in a small hut, which

which was erected for that purpose in the middle of the town: the nets we saw making in almost every house, and the several parts being afterwards collected were joined together. Less account seems to be made of the women here than in the South Sea islands; such at least was the opinion of Tupia, who complained of it as an indignity to the sex. We observed that the two sexes eat together; but how they divide their labour we do not certainly know. I am inclined to believe that the men till the ground, make nets, catch birds, and go out in their boats to fish; and that the women dig up fern roots, collect lobsters and other shell fish near the beach, dress the victuals, and weave cloth: such at least were their employments when we had an opportunity of observing them, which was but seldom; for in general our appearance made a holiday wherever we went, men, women and children, flocking round us, either to gratify their curiosity, or to purchase some of the valuable merchandize which we carried about with us, consisting principally of nails, paper, and broken glass.

Of the religion of these people it cannot be supposed we could learn much; they acknowledge the influence of superior beings, one of whom is supreme, and the rest subordinate; and gave nearly the same account of the origin of the world, and the production of mankind, as our friends in Otaheite: Tupia, however, seemed to have a much more deep and extensive knowledge of these subjects than any of the people here; and whenever he was disposed to instruct them, which he sometimes did in

a long discourse, he was sure of a numerous audience, who listened in profound silence, with such reverence and attention, that we could not but wish them a better teacher.

What homage they pay to the deities they acknowledge we could not learn; but we saw no place of public worship, like the Morais of the South Sea islands: yet we saw, near a plantation of sweet potatoes, a small area, of a square figure, surrounded with stones, in the middle of which one of the sharpened stakes which they use as a spade was set up, and upon it was hung a basket of fern roots: upon enquiry, the natives told us, that it was an offering to the gods, by which the owner hoped to render them propitious, and obtain a plentiful crop.

As to their manner of disposing of their dead, we could form no certain opinion of it, for the accounts that we received by no means agreed. In the northern parts, they told us that they buried them in the ground; and in the southern, that they threw them into the sea: it is however certain that we saw no grave in the country, and that they affected to conceal every thing relating to their dead with a kind of mysterious secrecy. But whatever may be the sepulchre, the living are themselves the monuments; for we saw scarcely a single person of either sex whose body was not marked by the scars of wounds which they had inflicted upon themselves as a testimony of their regret for the loss of a relation or friend: some of these wounds we saw in a state so recent, that the blood was scarcely stanch'd, which shows that death

had been among them while we were upon the coast; and makes it more extraordinary that no funeral ceremony should have fallen under our notice: some of the scars were very large and deep, and in many instances had greatly disfigured the face. One monument indeed we observed of another kind, the cross that was set up near Queen Charlotte's Sound.

Having now given the best account in my power of the customs and opinions of the inhabitants of New Zealand, with their boats, nets, furniture, and dress, I shall only remark, that the similitude between these particulars here and in the South-sea islands is a very strong proof that the inhabitants have the same origin; and that the common ancestors of both, were natives of the same country. They have both a tradition that their ancestors, at a very remote period of time, came from another country; and, according to the tradition of both, that the name of that country was HEAWIJE; but the similitude of the language seems to put the matter altogether out of doubt. I have already observed, that Tupia, when he accosted the people here in the language of his own country, was perfectly understood.

[We shall here omit the specimen of the language which is given in the original, and conclude this article with a few particulars that occurred in Tegadoo Bay.]

Into this bay we were invited by the people on board many canoes, who pointed to a place where they said there was plenty of fresh water: I did not find so good a shelter from the sea as I expected, but the natives who came about us, appearing to be of a friendly disposition, I was determined to try

whether I could not get some knowledge of the country here before I proceeded farther to the northward.

In one of the canoes that came about us as soon as we anchored, we saw two men, who by their habits appeared to be Chiefs: one of them was dressed in a jacket, which was ornamented, after their manner, with dog's skin; the jacket of the other was almost covered with small tufts of red feathers. These men I invited on board, and they entered the ship with very little hesitation: I gave each of them about four yards of linen, and a spike nail; with the linen they were much pleased, but seemed to set no value upon the nail. We perceived that they knew what had happened in Poverty bay, and we had therefore no reason to doubt but that they would behave peaceably; however, for further security, Tupia was ordered to tell them for what purpose we came thither, and to assure them that we would offer them no injury, if they offered none to us. In the mean time those who remained in the canoes traded with our people very fairly for what they happened to have with them: the Chiefs, who were old men, staid with us till we had dined, and about two o'clock I put off with the boats, manned and armed, in order to go on shore in search of water, and the two Chiefs went into the boat with me. The afternoon was tempestuous, with much rain, and the surf every where ran so high, that although we rowed almost round the bay, we found no place where we could land: I determined therefore to return to the ship, which being intimated to the Chiefs, they called to the people
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on shore, and ordered a canoe to be sent off for themselves; this was accordingly done, and they left us, promising to come on board again in the morning, and bring us some fish and sweet potatoes.

In the evening, the weather having become fair and moderate, the boats were again ordered out, and I landed, accompanied by Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander. We were received with great expressions of friendship by the natives, who behaved with a scrupulous attention not to give offence. In particular, they took care not to appear in great bodies: one family, or the inhabitants of two or three houses only, were generally placed together, to the number of fifteen or twenty, consisting of men, women, and children. These little companies sat upon the ground, not advancing towards us, but inviting us to them, by a kind of beckon, moving one hand towards the breast. We made them several little presents; and in our walk round the bay found two small streams of fresh water. This convenience, and the friendly behaviour of the people, determined me to stay at least a day, that I might fill some of my empty casks, and give Mr. Banks an opportunity of examining the natural produce of the country.

In the morning of the 21st, I sent Lieutenant Gore on shore, to superintend the watering, with a strong party of men; and they were soon followed by Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander, with Tupia, Tayeto, and four others.

The natives sat by our people, and seemed pleased to observe them; but did not intermix with them: they traded, however, chiefly

for cloth, and after a short time applied to their ordinary occupations, as if no stranger had been among them. In the forenoon, several of their boats went out a fishing, and at dinner-time every one repaired to his respective dwelling; from which, after a certain time, he returned. These fair appearances encouraged Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander to range the bay with very little precaution, where they found many plants, and shot some birds of exquisite beauty. In their walk, they visited several houses of the natives, and saw something of their manner of life; for they showed, without any reserve, every thing which the gentlemen desired to see. They were sometimes found at their meals, which the approach of the strangers never interrupted. Their food at this season consisted of fish, with which, instead of bread, they eat the root of a kind of fern, very like that which grows upon our commons in England. These roots they scorch over the fire, and then beat with a stick, till the bark and dry outside fall off; what remains is a soft substance, somewhat clammy and sweet, not unpleasing to the taste, but mixed with three or four times its quantity of strings and fibres, which are very disagreeable; these were swallowed by some, but spit out by the far greater number, who had baskets under them to receive the rejected part of what had been chewed, which had an appearance very like that of tobacco in the same state. In other seasons they have certainly plenty of excellent vegetables; but no tame animals were seen among them except dogs, which were very small and ugly. Mr. Banks saw some of their plantations, where the ground

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was as well broken down and tilled as even in the gardens of the most curious people among us : in these spots were sweet potatoes, cocos or eddas, which are well known and much esteemed both in the East and West-Indies, and some gourds : the sweet potatoes were planted in small hills, some ranged in rows, and others in quincunx, all laid by a line with the greatest regularity : the cocos were planted upon flat land, but none of them yet appeared above ground ; and the gourds were set in small hollows, or dishes, much as in England. These plantations were of different extent, from one or two acres to ten : taken together, there appeared to be from 150 to 200 acres in cultivation in the whole bay, though we never saw an hundred people. Each district was fenced in, generally with reeds, which were placed so close together, that there was scarcely room for a mouse to creep between.

The women were plain, and made themselves more so by painting their faces with red ocre and oil, which being generally fresh and wet upon their cheeks and foreheads, was easily transferred to the noses of those who thought fit to salute them ; and that they were not wholly averse to such familiarity, the noses of several of our people strongly testified : they were, however, as great coquets as any of the most fashionable ladies in Europe, and the young ones as skittish as an unbroken filly : each of them wore a petticoat, under which there was a girdle, made of the blades of grass highly perfumed, and to the girdle was fastened a small bunch of the leaves of some fragrant plant, which served their modesty as its innermost veil. The

faces of the men were not so generally painted, yet we saw one, whose whole body, and even his garments, were rubbed over with dry ocre, of which he kept a piece constantly in his hand, and was every minute renewing the decoration in one part or another, where he supposed it was become deficient. In personal delicacy they were not equal to our friends at Otaheite, for the coldness of the climate did not invite them so often to bathe ; but we saw among them one instance of cleanliness in which they exceeded them, and of which perhaps there is no example in any other Indian nation. Every house, or every little cluster of three or four houses, was furnished with a privy, so that the ground was every where clean. The offals of their food, and other litter, were also piled up in regular dunghills, which probably they made use of at a proper time for manure.

In this decent article of civil œconomy they were beforehand with one of the most considerable nations of Europe, for I am credibly informed, that, till the year 1760, there was no such thing as a privy in Madrid, the metropolis of Spain, though it is plentifully supplied with water.

In the evening, all our boats being employed in carrying the water on board, and Mr. Banks and his company finding it probable that they should be left on shore after it was dark, by which much time would be lost, which they were impatient to employ in putting the plants they had gathered in order, they applied to the Indians for a passage in one of their canoes : they immediately consented, and a canoe was launched for their use. They went all

all on board, being eight in number, but not being used as a vessel that required so even a balance, they unfortunately overset her in the surf: no life however was lost, but it was thought advisable that half of them should wait for another turn. Mr. Banks, Dr. Schuder, Tupia, and Tayeto embarked again, and without any farther accident arrived safely at the ship, well pleased with the good nature of their Indian friends, who cheerfully undertook to carry them a second time, after having experienced how unfit a freight they were for such a vessel.

Some Account of the Inhabitants of Batavia, and the adjacent Country, their Manners, Customs, and Manner of Life. From the same.

THE town of Batavia, although the capital of the Dutch dominions in India, is so far from being peopled with Dutchmen; that not one fifth part, even of the European inhabitants of the town, and its environs, are natives of Holland, or of Dutch extraction: the greater part are Portuguese, and besides Europeans, there are Indians of various nations, and Chinese, besides a great number of negro slaves. In the troops, there are natives of almost every country in Europe, but the Germans are more than all the rest put together; there are some English and French, but the Dutch, though other Europeans are permitted to get money here, keep all the power in their own hands, and consequently possess all public employments. No man, of whatever nation, can come hither to settle, in any other

character than that of a soldier in the company's service, in which, before they are accepted, they must covenant to remain five years. As soon however as this form has been complied with, they are allowed, upon application to the council, to absent themselves from their corps, and enter immediately into any branch of trade, which their money or credit will enable them to carry on; and by this means it is that all the white inhabitants of the place are soldiers.

Women, however, of all nations, are permitted to settle here, without coming under any restrictions; yet we were told, that there were not, when we were at Batavia, twenty women in the place that were born in Europe, but that the white women, who were by no means scarce, were descendants from European parents of the third or fourth generation, the gleanings of many families who had successively come hither, and in the male line become extinct; for it is certain that, whatever be the cause, this climate is not so fatal to the ladies as to the other sex.

These women imitate the Indians in every particular; their dress is made of the same materials, their hair is worn in the same manner, and they are equally enslaved by the habit of chewing betel.

The merchants carry on their business here with less trouble perhaps than in any other part of the world: every manufacture is managed by the Chinese, who sell the produce of their labour to the merchant, resident here, for they are permitted to sell it to no one else; so that when a ship comes in, and bespeaks perhaps an hundred leaguers of arrack, or any quantity of other

other commodities, the merchant has nothing to do but to send orders to his Chinese to see them delivered on board : he obeys the command, brings a receipt signed by the master of the ship for the goods to his employer, who receives the money, and having deducted his profit, pays the Chinese his demand. With goods that are imported, however, the merchant has a little more trouble ; these he must examine, receive, and lay up in his warehouse, according to the practice of other countries.

The Portuguese are called by the natives *Oranferane*, or Nazareen men, (Oran, being man in the language of the country) to distinguish them from other Europeans ; yet they are included in the general appellation of *Caper*, or *Cafir*, an opprobrious term, applied by Mahometans to all who do not profess their faith. These people, however, are Portuguese only in name ; they have renounced the religion of Rome, and become Lutherans : neither have they the least communication with the country of their forefathers, or even knowledge of it : they speak indeed a corrupt dialect of the Portuguese language, but much more frequently use the Malay : they are never suffered to employ themselves in any but mean occupations : many of them live by hunting, many by washing linen, and some are handicraftsmen and artificers. They have adopted all the customs of the Indians, from whom they are distinguished chiefly by their features and complexion, their skin being considerably darker, and their noses more sharp ; their dress is exactly the same, except in the manner of wearing their hair.

The Indians, who are mixed with the Dutch and Portuguese in the

town of Batavia, and the country adjacent, are not, as might be supposed, Javanese, the original natives of the island, but natives of the various islands from which the Dutch import slaves, and are either such as have themselves been manumitted, or the descendants of those who formerly received manumission ; and they are all comprehended under the general name of *Oranflam*, or *Islam*, signifying believers of the truth faith. The natives of every country, however, in other respects keep themselves distinct from the rest, and are not less strongly marked than the slaves by the vices or virtues of their respective nations. Many of these employ themselves in the cultivation of gardens, and in selling fruit and flowers. The betel and areca, which are here called *Siri* and *Pinang*, and chewed by both sexes and every rank in amazing quantities, are all grown by these Indians : lime is also mixed with these roots here as it is in Savu, but it is less pernicious to the teeth, because it is first flaked, and, besides the lime, a substance called *gambir*, which is brought from the continent of India ; the better sort of women also add cardamum, and many other aromatics, to give the breath an agreeable smell. Some of the Indians, however, are employed in fishing, and as lightermen, to carry goods from place to place by water ; and some are rich, and live with much of the splendour of their country, which chiefly consists in the number of their slaves.

In the article of food these Islams are remarkably temperate : it consists chiefly of boiled rice, with a small proportion of buffalo, fish,
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or fowl, and sometimes of dried fish, and dried shrimps, which are brought hither from China; every dish, however, is highly seasoned with Cayan pepper, and they have many kinds of pastry made of rice, flour, and other things to which I am a stranger; they eat also a great deal of fruit, particularly plantanes.

But notwithstanding their general temperance, their feasts are plentiful, and, according to their manner, magnificent. As they are Mahometans, wine and strong liquors professedly make no part of their entertainment, neither do they often indulge with them privately, contenting themselves with their betel and opium.

The principal solemnity among them is a wedding, upon which occasion both the families borrow as many ornaments of gold and silver as they can, to adorn the bride and bridegroom, so that their dresses are very showy and magnificent. The feasts that are given upon these occasions among the rich, last sometimes a fortnight, and sometimes longer; and during this time, the man, although married on the first day, is, by the women, kept from his wife.

The language that is spoken among all these people, from what place soever they originally came, is the Malay; at least it is a language so called, and probably it is a very corrupt dialect of that spoken at Malacca. Every little island indeed has a language of its own, and Java has two or three, but this lingua franca is the only language that is now spoken here, and, as I am told, it prevails over a great part of the East-Indies. A dictionary of Malay and English was

published in London by Thomas Bowrey, in the year 1701.

Their women wear as much hair as can grow upon the head, and to increase the quantity, they use oils, and other preparations of various kinds. Of this ornament Nature has been very liberal; it is universally black, and is formed into a kind of circular wreath upon the top of the head, where it is fastened with a bodkin, in a taste which we thought inexpressibly elegant: the wreath of hair is surrounded by another of flowers, in which the Arabian jessamine is beautifully intermixed with the golden stars of the *Bonger Tanjong*.

Both sexes constantly bathe themselves in the river at least once a day, a practice which, in this hot country, is equally necessary both to personal delicacy and health. The teeth of these people also, whatever they may suffer in their colour by chewing betel, are an object of great attention: the ends of them, both in the upper and under jaw, are rubbed with a kind of whetstone, by a very troublesome and painful operation, till they are perfectly even and flat, so that they cannot lose less than half a line in their length. A deep groove is then made across the teeth of the upper jaw, parallel with the gums, and in the middle between them and the extremity of the teeth; the depth of this groove is at least equal to one fourth of the thickness of the teeth, so that it penetrates far beyond what is called the enamel, the least injury to which, according to the dentists of Europe, is fatal; yet among these people, where the practice of thus wounding the enamel is universal, we never saw a rotten tooth; nor is

is the blackness a stain, but a covering, which may be washed off at pleasure, and the teeth then appear as white as ivory, which however is not an excellence in the estimation of the belles and beaux of these nations.

These are the people among whom the practice that is called *amock*, or running a muck, has prevailed for time immemorial. It is well known, that to run a muck in the original sense of the word, is to get intoxicated with opium, and then rush into the street with a drawn weapon, and kill whoever comes in the way, till the party is himself either killed or taken prisoner; of this several instances happened while we were at Batavia, and one of the officers, whose business it is, among other things, to apprehend such people, told us, that there was scarcely a week in which he, or some of his brethren, were not called upon to take one of them into custody. In one of the instances that came to our knowledge, the party had been severely injured by the perfidy of women, and was mad with jealousy before he made himself drunk with opium; and we were told, that the Indian who runs a muck is always first driven to desperation by some outrage, and always first revenges himself upon those who have done him wrong: we were also told, that though these unhappy wretches afterwards run into the street with a weapon in their hand, frantic and foaming at the mouth, yet they never kill any but those who attempt to apprehend them, or those whom they suspect of such an intention, and that whoever gives them way is safe. They are generally slaves, who indeed are most

subject to insults, and least able to obtain legal redress: freemen, however, are sometimes provoked into this extravagance, and one of the persons who run a muck while we were at Batavia, was free and easy in circumstances. He was jealous of his own brother, whom he first killed, and afterwards two others, who attempted to oppose him: he did not, however, come out of his house, but endeavoured to defend himself in it, though the opium had so far deprived him of his senses, that of three muskets which he attempted to use against the officers of justice, not one was either loaded or primed. If the officer takes one of these amocks, or mohawks, as they have been called by an easy corruption, alive, his reward is very considerable, but if he kills them, nothing is added to his usual pay; yet such is the fury of their desperation, that three out of four are of necessity destroyed in the attempt to secure them, though the officers are provided with instruments like large tongs, or pincers, to lay hold of them without coming within the reach of their weapon. Those who happen to be taken alive are generally wounded, but they are always broken alive upon the wheel, and if the physician who is appointed to examine their wounds, thinks them likely to be mortal, the punishment is inflicted immediately, and the place of execution is generally the spot where the first murder was committed.

Among these people, there are many absurd practices and opinions which they derive from their pagan ancestors: they believe that the devil, whom they call Satan, is the cause of all sickness and adversity,
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and for this reason, when they are sick, or in distress, they consecrate meat, money, and other things to him as a propitiation. If any one among them is restless, and dreams for two or three nights successively, he concludes that Satan has taken that method of laying his commands upon him, which if he neglects to fulfil, he will certainly suffer sickness or death, though they are not revealed with sufficient perspicuity to ascertain their meaning: to interpret his dream, therefore, he taxes his wits to the uttermost, and if, by taking it literally or figuratively, directly or by contraries, he can put no explanation upon it that perfectly satisfies him, he has recourse to the cawin, or priest, who assists him with a comment and illustrations, and perfectly reveals the mysterious suggestions of the night. It generally appears, that the devil wants victuals or money, which are always allotted him, and being placed on a little plate of cocoa-nut leaves, are hung upon the branch of a tree near the river; so that it seems not to be the opinion of these people, that in prowling the earth the devil "walketh through dry places." Mr. Banks once asked, whether they thought Satan spent the money, or eat the victuals; he was answered, that as to the money, it was considered rather as a mulct upon an offender, than a gift to him who had enjoined it, and that therefore if it was devoted by the dreamer, it mattered not into whose hands it came, and they supposed that it was generally the prize of some stranger who wandered that way; but as to the meat, they were clearly of opinion that, although the devil did not eat the gross parts, yet, by

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bringing his mouth near it, he sucked out all its savour without changing its position, so that afterwards it was as tasteless as water.

But they have another superstitious opinion that is still more unaccountable. They believe that women when they are delivered of children, are frequently at the same time delivered of a young crocodile, as a twin to the infant: they believe that these creatures are received most carefully, by the midwife, and immediately carried down to the river, and put into the water. The family in which such a birth is supposed to have happened, constantly put victuals into the river for their amphibious relation, and especially the twin, who, as long as he lives, goes down to the river at stated seasons, to fulfil this fraternal duty, for the neglect of which it is the universal opinion that he will be visited with sickness or death. What could at first produce a notion so extravagant and absurd, it is not easy to guess, especially as it seems to be totally unconnected with any religious mystery, and how a fact which never happened, should be pretended to happen every day, by those who cannot be deceived into a belief of it by appearances, nor have any apparent interest in the fraud, is a problem still more difficult to solve. Nothing however can be more certain than the firm belief of this strange absurdity among them, for we had the concurrent testimony of every Indian who was questioned about it, in its favour. It seems to have taken its rise in the islands of Celebes and Boutou, where many of the inhabitants keep crocodiles in their families; but however that be, the opinion has spread over all the eastern

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eastern islands, even to Timor and Ceram, and westward as far as Java and Sumatra, where, however, young crocodiles are, I believe, never kept.

These crocodile twins are called *Sudaras*, and I shall relate one of the innumerable stories that were told us, in proof of their existence, from ocular demonstration.

A young female slave, who was born and bred up among the English at Bencoolen, and had learnt a little of the language, told Mr. Banks, that her father, when he was dying, acquainted her that he had a crocodile for his *sudara*, and solemnly charged her to give him meat when he should be dead, telling her in what part of the river he was to be found, and by what name he was to be called up. That in pursuance of her father's instructions and command, she went to the river, and standing upon the bank, called out *Radja Pouti*, white king, upon which a crocodile came to her out of the water, and eat from her hand the provisions that she had brought him. When she was desired to describe this paternal uncle, who in so strange a shape had taken up his dwelling in the water, she said, that he was not like other crocodiles, but much handsomer; that his body was spotted, and his nose red; that he had bracelets of gold upon his feet, and ear-rings of the same metal in his ears. Mr. Banks heard this tale of ridiculous falsehood patiently to the end, and then dismissed the girl, without reminding her, that a crocodile with ears was as strange a monster as a dog with a cloven foot. Some time after this, a servant whom Mr. Banks had hired at Batavia, and who was the son of a

Dutchman by a Javanese woman, thought fit to acquaint his master that he had seen a crocodile of the same kind, which had also been seen by many others, both Dutchmen and Malays: that being very young, it was but two feet long, and had bracelets of gold upon its feet. There is no giving credit to these stories, said Mr. Banks, for I was told the other day that a crocodile had ear-rings; and you know that could not be true, because crocodiles have no ears. Ah Sir, said the man, these *Sudara Oran* are not like other crocodiles; they have five toes upon each foot, a large tongue that fills their mouth, and ears also, although they are indeed very small.

How much of what these people related they believed, cannot be known; for there are no bounds to the credulity of ignorance and folly. In the girl's relation, however, there are some things in which she could not be deceived; and therefore must have been guilty of wilful falsehood. Her father might perhaps give her a charge to feed a crocodile, in consequence of his believing that it was his *Sudara*; but its coming to her out of the river, when she called it by the name of White King, and taking the food she had brought it, must have been a fable of her own invention; for this being false, it was impossible that she should believe it to be true. The girl's story, however, as well as that of the man, is a strong proof that they both firmly believed the existence of crocodiles that are *Sudaras* to men: and the girl's fiction will be easily accounted for, if we recollect, that the earnest desire which every one feels to make others believe what he be-
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Heves himself, is a strong temptation to support it by unjustifiable evidence. And the averring what is known to be false, in order to produce in others the belief of what is thought to be true, must, upon the most charitable principles, be imputed to many, otherwise venerable characters, through whose hands the doctrines of Christianity passed for many ages in their way to us, as the source of all the silly fables related of the Romish saints, many of them not less extravagant and absurd than this story of the White King, and all of them the invention of the first relater.

The Bougis, Macassars, and Boetons, are so firmly persuaded that they have relations of the crocodile species in the rivers of their own country, that they perform a periodical ceremony in remembrance of them. Large parties of them go out in a boat, furnished with great plenty of provisions, and all kinds of music, and row backwards and forwards, in places where crocodiles and allegators are most common, singing and weeping by turns, each invoking his kindred, till a crocodile appears, when the music instantly stops, and provisions, betel, and tobacco, are thrown into the water. By this civility to the species, they hope to recommend themselves to their relations at home; and that it will be accepted instead of offerings immediately to themselves, which it is not in their power to pay.

In the next rank to the Indians stand the Chinese, who in this place are numerous, but possess very little property; many of them live within the walls, and keep shops. They have a rich show of European and Chinese goods: the

far greater part however live in a quarter by themselves, without the walls, called Campang China. Many of them are carpenters, joiners, smiths, taylors, slipper-makers, dyers of cotton, and embroiderers; maintaining the character of industry that is universally given of them: and some are scattered about the country, where they cultivate gardens, sow rice and sugar, or keep cattle and buffaloes, whose milk they bring daily to town.

There is nothing clean or dirty, honest or dishonest, provided there is not too much danger of a halter, that the Chinese will not readily do for money. But though they work with great diligence, and patiently undergo any degree of labour; yet no sooner have they laid down their tools than they begin to game, either at cards or dice, or some other play among the multitude that they have invented, which are altogether unknown in Europe: to this they apply with such eagerness, as scarcely to allow time for the necessary refreshments of food and sleep; so that it is as rare to see a Chinese idle, as it is to see a Dutchman or an Indian employed.

In manners they are always civil, or rather obsequious; and in dress they are remarkably neat and clean, to whatever rank of life they belong. I shall not attempt a description either of their persons or habits, for the better kind of China paper, which is now common in England, exhibits a perfect representation of both, though perhaps with some slight exaggerations approaching towards the caricatura.

In eating they are easily satisfied, though the few that are rich, have many savory dishes. Rice,

with a small proportion of flesh or fish, is the food of the poor; and they have greatly the advantage of the Mahometan Indians, whose religion forbids them to eat of many things which they could most easily procure. The Chinese, on the contrary, being under no restraint, eat, besides pork, dogs, cats, frogs, lizards, serpents of many kinds, and a great variety of sea animals, which the other inhabitants of this country do not consider as food: they eat also many vegetables, which an European, except he was perishing with hunger, would never touch.

The Chinese have a singular superstition with regard to the burial of their dead; for they will upon no occasion open the ground a second time, where a body has been interred. Their burying-grounds, therefore, in the neighbourhood of Batavia, cover many hundred acres, and the Dutch, grudging the waste of so much land, will not sell any for this purpose but at the most exorbitant price. The Chinese, however, contrive to raise the purchase-money, and afford another instance of the folly and weakness of human nature, in transferring a regard for the living to the dead, and making that the object of solicitude and expence, which cannot receive the least benefit from either. Under the influence of this universal prejudice, they take an uncommon method to preserve the body intire, and prevent the remains of it from being mixed with the earth that surrounds it. They inclose it in a large thick coffin of wood, not made of planks joined together, but hollowed out of the solid timber like a canoe; this being covered, and let down into the grave, is sur-

rounded with a coat of their mortar, called Chinam, about eight or ten inches thick, which in a short time becomes as hard as a stone. The relations of the deceased attend the funeral ceremony, with a considerable number of women that are hired to weep: it might reasonably be supposed that the hired appearance of sorrow could no more flatter the living than benefit the dead; yet the appearance of sorrow is known to be hired among people much more reflective and enlightened than the Chinese. In Batavia, the law requires that every man should be buried according to his rank, which is in no case dispensed with; so that if the deceased has not left sufficient to pay his debts, an officer takes an inventory of what was in his possession when he died, and out of the produce buries him in the manner prescribed, leaving only the overplus to his creditors. Thus in many instances are the living sacrificed to the dead, and money that should discharge a debt, or feed an orphan, lavished in idle processions, or deposited in the earth to rot.

Another numerous class among the inhabitants of this country is the slaves; for by slaves, the Dutch, Portugueze, and Indians, however different in their rank or situation, are constantly attended: they are purchased from Sumatra, Malacca, and almost all the eastern islands. The natives of Java, very few of whom live in the neighbourhood of Batavia, have an exemption from slavery under the sanction of very severe penal laws, which I believe are seldom violated. The price of these slaves is from ten to twenty pounds sterling; but girls, if they have beauty, sometimes fetch

fetch an hundred. They are a very lazy set of people; but as they will do but little work, they are content with a little victuals, subsisting altogether upon boiled rice, and a small quantity of the cheapest fish. As they are natives of different countries, they differ from each other extremely, both in person and disposition. The African negroes, called here *Papua*, are the worst, and consequently may be purchased for the least money: they are all thieves, and all incorrigible. Next to these are the Bougis and Macassars, both from the island of Celebes; these are lazy in the highest degree, and though not so much addicted to theft as the negroes, have a cruel and vindictive spirit, which renders them extremely dangerous; especially as, to gratify their resentment, they will make no scruple of sacrificing life. The best slaves, and consequently the dearest, are procured from the island of Bali: the most beautiful women from Nias, a small island on the coast of Sumatra; but they are of a tender and delicate constitution, and soon fall a sacrifice to the unwholesome air of Batavia. Besides these, there are Malays, and slaves of several other denominations, whose particular characteristics I do not remember.

These slaves are wholly in the power of their masters with respect to any punishment that does not take away life; but if a slave dies in consequence of punishment, though his death should not appear to have been intended, the master is called to a severe account, and he is generally condemned to suffer capitally. For this reason the master seldom inflicts punishment

upon the slave himself, but applies to an officer called a *Marineu*, one of whom is stationed in every district. The duty of the *Marineu* is to quell riots, and take offenders into custody; but more particularly to apprehend runaway slaves, and punish them for such crimes as the master, supported by proper evidence, lays to their charge: the punishment however is not inflicted by the *Marineu* in person, but by slaves who are bred up to the business. Men are punished publicly, before the door of their master's house; but women within it. The punishment is by stripes, the number being proportioned to the offence; and they are given with rods made of rattans, which are split into slender twigs for the purpose, and fetch blood at every stroke. A common punishment costs the master a rixdollar, and a severe one a ducatoon, about six shillings and eight-pence. The master is also obliged to allow the slave three *dubbelcheys*, equal to about seven-pence-halfpenny a week, as an encouragement, and to prevent his being under temptations to steal, too strong to be resisted.

Concerning the government of this place I can say but little. We observed, however, a remarkable subordination among the people. Every man who is able to keep house, has a certain specific rank acquired by the length of his services to the company; the different ranks which are thus acquired, are distinguished by the ornaments of the coaches, and the dresses of the coachmen; some are obliged to ride in plain coaches, some are allowed to paint them in different manners and degrees, and some to

gild them. The coachman also appears in clothes that are quite plain, or more or less adorned with lace.

The officer who presides here has the title of governor-general of the Indies, and the Dutch governors of all the other settlements are subordinate to him, and obliged to repair to Batavia that he may pass their accounts. If they appear to have been criminal, or even negligent, he punishes them by delay, and detains them during pleasure, sometimes one year, sometimes two years, and sometimes three; for they cannot quit the place till he gives them a dismissal. Next to the governor are the members of the council, called here *Edele Heeren*, and by the corruption of the English, *Idoleers*. These Idoleers take upon them so much state, that whoever meets them in a carriage, is expected to rise up and bow, then to drive on one side of the road, and there stop till they are past: the same homage is required also to their wives, and even their children; and it is commonly paid them by the inhabitants. But some of our captains have thought so slavish a mark of respect beneath the dignity which they derived from the service of his Britannic Majesty, and have refused to pay it; yet, if they were in a hired carriage, nothing could deter the coachman from honouring the Dutch Grandee at their expence, but the most peremptory menace of immediate death.

Justice is administered here by a body of lawyers, who have ranks of distinction among themselves. Concerning their proceedings in questions of property, I know nothing; but their decisions in cri-

minal cases seem to be severe with respect to the natives, and lenient with respect to their own people, in a criminal degree. A christian always is indulged with an opportunity of escaping before he is brought to a trial, whatever may have been his offence; and if he is brought to a trial and convicted, he is seldom punished with death: while the poor Indians on the contrary are hanged, and broken upon the wheel, and even impaled alive without mercy.

The Malays and Chinese have judicial officers of their own, under the denominations of captains and lieutenants, who determine in civil cases, subject to an appeal to the Dutch court.

The taxes paid by these people to the company are very considerable; and that which is exacted of them for liberty to wear their hair, is by no means the least. They are paid monthly, and to save the trouble and charge of collecting them, a flag is hoisted upon the top of a house in the middle of the town when a payment is due, and the Chinese have experienced that it is their interest to repair thither with their money without delay.

The money current here consists of ducats, worth an hundred and thirty-two stivers; ducatoons, eighty stivers; imperial rixdollars, sixty; rupees of Batavia, thirty; schellings, six; double cheys, two stivers and an half; and doits, one fourth of a stiver. Spanish dollars, when we were here, were at five shillings and five-pence; and we were told, that they were never lower than five shillings and four-pence, even at the Company's warehouse. For English guineas we could never get more than nine-

nineteen shillings upon an average; for though the Chinese would give twenty shillings for some of the brightest, they would give no more than seventeen shillings for those that were much worn.

It may perhaps be of some advantage to strangers to be told, that there are two kinds of coin here, of the same denomination, milled and unmilled, and that the milled is of most value. A milled ducatoon is worth eighty stivers; but an unmilled ducatoon is worth no more than seventy-two. All accounts are kept in rixdollars and stivers, which, here at least, are mere nominal coins, like our pound sterling. The rixdollar is equal to forty-eight stivers, about four shillings and six-pence English currency.

Some Particulars relative to the Arabs; from an Account of a Journey from Persia to England, by Edward Ives, Esq;

THE Arabs still continue divided into tribes; and out of as many of these as possible, it will be adviseable for you to select the men who are to escort you over the desert; for should you happen to fall in with a body of any of those particular tribes, to which the Arabs who accompany you belong, you may depend upon passing unhurt and unmolested; or if you meet with any of their scouting parties, and can prevail only on one of them to enter your tents, drink of your coffee, eat rice, or any thing besides, you will then be safe from any insult either by them or their brethren; it being an invariable maxim with them, “*never*

to molest those strangers they have once eaten and drank with,” looking upon it then as a breach of hospitality, and consequently as a most enormous crime. Should any of their out-lying detachments accidentally fall in with you, and instead of entering your tents, and partaking of your entertainment, hurry back to their main body to communicate the pleasing intelligence; even in this case, if one of your party can make greater haste than they, and join the Arab body first, throw himself at the Sheick’s feet, and demand protection, you may rest assured of your lives and property: for another stable maxim with them is, that “*whosoever shall fly to the powerful, and humbly implore assistance, has a right to receive it.*” This point they carry so far, that were the murderer of the Sheick’s father, son, or brother, to be the person so petitioning, he would not be refused. And what is still more extraordinary, this act of mercy is sure to take place, although the supplicant may not be able to get quite up to the person of the Sheick. If he is only so near him, as to be capable of throwing a stick to, or beyond the spot of ground where he happens to be, this circumstance secures him from all danger.

But though the Arabs are thus scrupulous in regard to the rights of hospitality, yet in other instances they will be found to equivocate as well as their neighbours. The most effectual way to bind them is by a particular oath of theirs, called the *Tallauck*; the penalty of a non-performance of which is, that the perjured person shall part with all his wives, and never cohabit with them again, until they have been pro-

prostituted to other men. The infamy and inconvenience arising from hence, is esteemed so very great, that you seldom, if ever, hear of this sacred obligation being broken. The wife, that has the greatest power in the family, is she, who by the consent of the parents of both parties, was first married to the young man; she is early taught the art of cookery, and takes the lead of all the other wives in that respect; she has also the chief management of his domestic affairs; nor can he ever part with her, but with the utmost difficulty and inconvenience.

[We shall farther illustrate this account, by the extraordinary adventures of an English gentleman, from the same author.]

This gentleman (Mr. Barton) had it seems a few years before, acquired a handsome fortune in the East-Indies, with which he returned to England, settled at some distance from London, in the character of a country gentleman, and served the office of high-sheriff for the county in which he lived. Being necessitated however to return to India to settle some affairs, he had the courage to fit out a small Folkestone cutter, in which he actually set sail from England for the East-Indies; but before he had been many days at sea, she was (luckily perhaps for himself and his little crew) taken by a French privateer, and carried into Vigo. From hence he got a passage to Leghorn, taking his son with him, who had also embarked in the same dangerous enterprize for the East-Indies. At Leghorn they took ship again, and got safe to *Scanderoon*. Here, he was so impatient to get forward on his journey, that

he would not wait for the caravan, but set out for Aleppo, attended only by his son, a country servant, and a few camels. His spirit was too active to endure the slow march of these animals; he therefore frequently made excursions on the road before them, but one day while walking on foot and alone, he was attacked by a few Arabs, who robbed him of every thing he had about him. This obliged him to wait for the coming up of his little company, and with them he travelled on without any other accident to Aleppo. Here, he was in the same hurry for proceeding on his journey, nor could the whole factory prevail upon him to wait only a fortnight or three weeks for the setting out of a large caravan for Baghdad and Bassora,

He accordingly began this second hazardous expedition with only two or three camels, and the same country servant, leaving his son behind at Aleppo, with orders to follow him, by the first convenient opportunity. For a few days he and his man went on uninterrupted over the desert. At length five or six hundred Arabs discovered them; but upon their coming nigh, Mr. Barton drew out a brace of pistols which he carried in his belt, and presented them at the Arabs: astonished at his rashness, they made a stand, but at the same time ordered him to throw down his arms. His servant also persuaded him to comply, but all in vain; he still held his cocked pistols towards the Arabs, and with a determined look, and high-toned voice, declared he would kill some of them, if they dared to approach any nearer. By degrees they surrounded him, and with a blow on the head,

head, he was brought to the ground, and his pistols taken from him: the Arabs now in their turn presented these weapons to his breast, and told him that he deserved to be put to death; but they satisfied themselves with stripping him quite naked, and leaving the servant a jacket and breeches, but not a drop of water, or morsel of provision for either.

Mr. Barton, after the enemy rode off, accepted the breeches which his servant offered to him, and they both set off bare-footed (their camels also having been taken from them) in the track for Baghdad. After having passed two days and nights without meeting with any other support than the truffles of the desert, that happened then to be in season, and which they found in great plenty, they fortunately fell in with another tribe of Arabs, to whose Sheick they told their melancholy tale, and implored his assistance. The Sheick was touched with the relation of their distress, and afforded them every help in his power; his own wives ministered unto them, anointed their feet, brought them milk, and every other necessary. As soon as they were sufficiently recovered to set forward, the son of the Sheick escorted them so far, as to put them under the protection of another Sheick, by whom they were entertained in the like hospitable manner, and dismissed with other guards and passports; nor did they want friends as long as their journey lasted, each tribe seeing them safely lodged with its next neighbour, until they had delivered them into the hands of our countrymen at Baghdad.

From that city, Mr. Barton was carried in the Pasha's galley down

the Tygris to Corna, and from thence to Bassora, where we met with him. He was at that time clothed like a poor Turk, without shirt or stockings; his beard was grown to an uncommon length; and he declared that he would indulge himself in few of the comforts, much less in the elegancies of life, till he arrived safely at Calcutta, the place of his destination.

Hospitality and Politeness of Choudar Aga, the Governor of Hilla, a Turkish Town on the Euphrates; from the same.

A Little before four o'clock we got up pretty near to the governor of Hilla's palace, situated in that part of the town which stands on the left, or south side of the river. Our sandal carrying no guns, we could only salute with five bounces; their report however was equal to that of a four pounder. We were soon surrounded by a very numerous company of people, of boys especially; even the women, who came down to the river with their pitchers for water, satisfied their curiosity by looking at us; most of them had their faces half covered, many were comely, and of a pretty good complexion. The men in general were well made, some are white, but most of them tawny. We had been but a very little while near the shore, before one of the governor's officers came to bid us welcome; he sat with us on a stool by the side of the river, and took care the crowd should not press upon us. In the mean time we sent by Mr. Hemet, and our man Vertan, Mr. Shaw's letter, and another

another from Aly Aga; they soon returned with the governor's compliments, and an invitation for us to repair to the seraglio; an officer with a silver battoon, and high cap, came also to conduct us.

Notwithstanding it was the fast of the Ramazan, and before sunset, we found the governor, Chouder Aga, seated on a carpet in his porch, at the entrance of his palace, ready to receive us; (he was about forty years old, and of the genteelst deportment) he bade us heartily welcome, thrice; told us we should do him honour by taking up our abode at his house, expressed his unfeigned sorrow at the fatigues and difficulties we had passed through, of which he said he had been informed three days ago; hoped we should rest well under his roof, and recover our lost strength, and that we might depend on every assistance in his power. At our first coming in, he obliged us immediately to seat ourselves on the side of the porch, opposite to him, where had been placed a carpet and cushions. The rules of the fast, were still farther dispensed with, for coffee was brought to us, as soon as we were seated. In the course of the interview, he said, as every people had their different manners, and he could not but be a stranger to our's, he must desire the favour of us, while we continued with him, to pursue our own inclinations in all things, but especially in what respected refreshments; he should therefore be glad if we would trouble ourselves to direct his domestics what sort of repast they should provide for our supper. We replied to his civilities, but begged we might be admitted to be served only with a plate of what

was the usual provisions of his family: upon his repeating his wishes, we answered, "nothing could be more acceptable than a common *Pillaw*," (boiled fowl and rice). We begged indeed the favour of being accommodated with a warm bagnio, which he immediately ordered to be got ready, and directed his attendants to be there in waiting with *sherbet*, &c. but before we went to the bath, he ordered his people to show us the apartments that were provided for us above stairs. We then took our leave, each paying the other the most obliging compliments they could think of; but the Turk was very much our superior in this sort of conversation.

Our rooms were the best in the palace, lofty, with painted walls, and gothic-arched roofs. We were accompanied to and from the bagnio, by an officer carrying a silver-headed staff. At our return to the seraglio, we found six or eight dishes placed upon our own table, with our stools set round it; and though the whole was dressed after the Turkish manner, it was by no means disagreeable to an English palate. An intimation was also given to us, that the governor made it his particular request, that in regard to our liquors, we would be quite free and unrestrained. This was carrying his complaisance to a great height, considering how very strict the regular Turks are on this article: we doubted at first, whether we should send for wine, but the governor having interrogated our domestics, and learned our common practice, repeated his request by a message sent on purpose.

Chouder Aga, whilst we were at supper,

supper, sat on a terrace at some distance with several of his principal officers: his treasurer accompanied us the whole evening, who eat, and would have drank wine with us also (as he whispered to our interpreter) had he not been surrounded by many observers, who were assembled to remark our customs. At this repast, both before and after supper, we were careful to say grace; the Turks thought it a very odd custom, I believe, for they talked to one another about it a good deal. We sat without hats while at our meal, and the treasurer, who seemed to have some drollery, after we became a little familiar with one another, pulled off his turban and sat uncovered too; this afforded great merriment to the spectators, and they all seemed greatly pleased with our manner of eating, so different from their own, for they never make use of knives and forks, chairs or tables. Soon after the cloth was taken away, a messenger came for the treasurer; he went, but presently returned with the governor's respects and a message, importing, that "as it was his real wish, we should be gay, and use his house as our own, and as it was probable his presence might be a restraint upon us; he therefore had taken the liberty (begging our pardon at the same time) to withdraw himself to the Mufti's, merely to convince us, that what he had said about our being free and unrestrained, proceeded from the very bottom of his heart, and he flattered himself, that we would display our belief of his sincerity, by our actions." Upon receiving this message, the bottle passed about very briskly; the governor's health was drank, and a

chorus song was sung. Among the lookers on, were two young gentlemen, son and nephew to the governor, and for each of them a glass of wine was stolen, which they drank off in a private room. We had before this time, given in by an *Aga*, an inventory of such things as were necessary for our journey to Baghdad; and the treasurer at his taking leave this evening, told us, that our beasts, provisions, guards, &c. should be ready for us as soon as possible in the morning; for though the governor had given us the most pressing invitation to spend a few days with him, yet we excused ourselves upon account of the hurry we were in, and the necessity there was for our getting forwards.

It was five in the afternoon before our beasts were loaded, and we ready to begin our journey. We had very handsome provision made, both for our breakfast and dinner; and, in the morning, on the supposition we should have gone earlier than we did, the governor again broke in on the rules of the fast, and seated himself in his porch, with a design of giving us an opportunity of taking our leave. Our whole party attended him, except myself who was greatly indisposed; but I afterwards learnt from them, that they were as much outdone in hyperbole of compliment at this second, as we all had been at our first interview. The whole of our host's behaviour was such, as greatly to prejudice us in his favour, and we wanted only a proper present to send him, as a grateful acknowledgement for his favours. We could not offer him money, consistent with the instructions Mr. Shaw had given us,
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and of every thing else that was valuable we had stripped ourselves at Karec. At last our good friend Mr. Hemet spared us a white *Shawl*, made of fine goats-hair from Carminia, and worn much in habits by the Turks of fashion; its value was about sixteen zechins, or eight guineas: this, with an handsome apology, was sent by one of his domestics, who soon returned with his master's compliments, and "That he hoped we were convinced, the trifling services which he had done us, proceeded altogether from the respect he had for our characters, and from his friendship to Mr. Shaw; these were his only motives, for endeavouring to become useful to us in our long and wearisome journey: that he had done nothing with an interested view, and he flattered himself we would do him the justice to believe it; that the present which we had been so kind as to make him, with such an obliging apology, was the more acceptable to him, as it was greatly expressive of our satisfaction in his conduct: that he made not the least difficulty therefore in accepting of, and was infinitely obliged to us for it." Such was the complaisant and polite behaviour of this Turkish governor, which, to say the least, did honour not only to himself, but to his country.

Of Nader Shah; from the History of his Life, translated from an Eastern Manuscript by William Jones, Esq.

THUS fell, at the age of sixty years, Nader Kuli, the deliverer of Persia, and conqueror of

India; who, from an humble station, had raised himself to a degree of power, at which few monarchs by birth have ever arrived. He seems to have united the talents of a complete general, and an able politician; and, though he had not the advantages of learning, yet appears to have had a taste for true magnificence, and would probably, had he lived in happier times, have encouraged the arts of peace, and been no stranger to the charms of society; but the darling object of his life, to which he sacrificed every other pursuit, and devoted all the powers of his mind and body, was the art of war, in which he became equal to the greatest commanders of Asia, and may justly stand upon a level with Cyrus or Tamerlane. They, who form a notion of his character from the various narratives, which have been printed in Europe, are apt to consider him in no other light, than as a fearless Barbarian, who surmounted every difficulty, and overthrew all his opposers, by the dint of mere valour and hardiness; but, on a nearer view of his exploits, they will seem to contain something more than brutal heroism, and to have been no less wisely concerted than vigorously performed. His great project of delivering his country was executed with a regularity and prudence, that can be surpassed only by the celerity of his motions, and the vigour of his acts. If we throw a veil over his latter years, in which he was rather to be pitied than condemned, we shall see nothing in his life, but what was noble and laudable: he had neither the rashness of Alexander, the insatiable ambition of Cæsar, the inflexible obstinacy of Charles

Charles the twelfth, nor the vices of his illustrious rival Peter the Great; he resembled rather that real Hero, Gustavus Vasa, who, to use the words of an excellent writer, “left the forest where he lay concealed, and came to deliver his country* :” like Vasa, he was raised to the throne of the Empire, which he had freed from oppression; like Vasa, he changed the religion of his subjects; but he did not, like Vasa, reign happy and beloved to an advanced old age.

[As the foregoing account represents the character of this great and extraordinary man in a very different point of view, from that of the bloody and merciless tyrant, which he has been hitherto described; we thought it would not be unnecessary to strengthen the validity of it, and in some degree support the impartiality of the Persian Author, by the following anecdotes which Mr. Ives picked up in the country. This gentleman being in the island of Karec, near the bottom of the Persian Gulph, gives us the following account.]

In a visit we made to another gentleman of this island, who had the best opportunities of getting at the true character of the late famous Thamas Kuli Khan, he assured us, that all the histories yet written of him, were very erroneous. He was not naturally cruel; his ambition indeed led him to empire, but he would have been glad to have governed mildly. That though the two last years of his life were attended with continual revolts among his subjects, at

the head of whom were his own children, yet he seldom put any of them to death; the punishment he generally inflicted was that of putting out their eyes. Kuli Khan being once asked, why he chose this method of treating his rebellious subjects, rather than taking away their lives, replied, Because I would have them live on, eyeless, as lasting monuments of their own villainy, and of my justice.

This gentleman also assured us, that Kuli Khan had once flattered himself with a vast increase of empire by a marriage with the Czarina of Muscovy, and that he actually sent an Ambassador to Petersburg for that purpose: though the Czarina secretly despised the offer he made to her, looking back with scorn on his mean original, yet she took care to demean herself with much seeming respect upon the occasion, and expressed herself highly honoured with the Shah’s proposal, but at the same time advanced many reasons why she could not possibly comply with it. Among others, she did not forget to mention the difference of their religion. Soon after the return of his ambassador, the Persian monarch conversed often with the fathers of the three convents at Ispahan; seemed very desirous of being instructed in the fundamentals of their religion, listened to them with great attention, and threw out hints of his becoming a Christian. He ordered also these fathers to set about a translation of the New Testament into the Persian language for his own immediate use, which they had very near finished, when his life was put an end to by

four of his own generals, who have been fighting for the crown or throne of Persia ever since.

Of the Sicilian Banditti; from Brydone's Tour through Sicily and Malta.

WE are just returned from the prince's. He received us politely, but with a good deal of state. He offered us the use of his carriages, as there are none to be hired; and, in the usual stile, begged to know in what he could be of service to us. We told him, (with an apology for our abrupt departure) that we were obliged to set off to-morrow, and begged his protection on our journey: He replied, that he would immediately give orders for guards to attend us, that should be answerable for every thing; that we need give ourselves no farther trouble; that whatever number of mules we had occasion for, should be ready at the door of the inn, at any hour we should think proper to appoint: he added, that we might entirely rely on these guards, who were people of the most determined resolution, as well as of the most approved confidence, and would not fail to chastise on the spot, any person that should presume to impose upon us.

Now, who do you think these trusty and well beloved guards are composed of? Why of the most daring, and most hardened villains, perhaps, that are to be met with upon earth, who, in any other country, would have been broken upon the wheel, or hung in chains;

but are here publicly protected, and universally feared and respected. It was this part of the police of Sicily, that I was afraid to give you an account of: however, I have now conversed with the prince's people on the subject, and they have confirmed every circumstance that Mr. Meastre made me acquainted with.

He told me, that in this east part of the island, called Val Demoni, from the devils that are supposed to inhabit mount *Ætna*; it has ever been found altogether impracticable to extirpate the banditti; there being numberless caverns and subterraneous passages around that mountain, where no troops could possibly pursue them: that, besides, as they are known to be perfectly determined and resolute, never failing to take a dreadful revenge on all who have offended them, the prince of Villa Franca has embraced it, not only as the safest, but likewise as the wisest, and most political scheme, to become their declared patron and protector. And such of them as think proper to leave their mountains and forests, though perhaps only for a time, are sure to meet with good encouragement, and a certain protection in his service, where they enjoy the most unbounded confidence, which, in no instance, they have ever yet been found to make an improper or a dishonest use of. They are clothed in the prince's livery, yellow and green, with silver lace; and wear likewise a badge of their honourable order, which entitles them to universal fear and respect from the people.

I have just been interrupted by an upper servant of the prince's, who,

who, both by his looks and language, seems to be of the same worthy fraternity. He tells us, that he has ordered our muleteers, at their peril, to be ready by day-break ; but that we need not go till we think proper ; for it is their business to attend on *nostri eccellenti*. He says he has likewise ordered two of the most desperate fellows in the whole island to accompany us ; adding, in a sort of whisper, that we need be under no apprehension ; for that if any person should presume to impose upon us of a single baiocc *, that they would certainly put them to death. I gave him an ounce †, which I knew was what he expected ; on which he redoubled his bows and his eccellenzas, and declared we were the most *honorabili Signiori* he had ever met with, and that if we pleased, he himself should have the honour of attending us, and would chastise any person that should dare to take the wall of us, or injure us in the most minute trifle. We thanked him for his zeal, shewing him we had swords of our own. On which, bowing respectfully, he retired.

I can now, with more assurance, give you some account of the conversation I had with Signior Maestre, who seems to be a very intelligent man, and has resided here, for these great many years.

He says, that in some circumstances these banditti are the most respectable people of the island ; and have by much the highest, and most romantic notions of what they call their point of honour. That, however criminal they may be with regard to society in general ; yet,

with respect to one another, and to every person to whom they have once professed it, they have ever maintained the most unshaken fidelity. The magistrates have often been obliged to protect them, and pay them court, as they are known to be perfectly determined, and desperate, and so extremely vindictive, that they will certainly put any person to death, that has ever given them just cause of provocation. On the other hand, it never was known that any person who had put himself under their protection, and shewed that he had confidence in them, had cause to repent of it, or was injured by any of them, in the most minute trifle ; but on the contrary, they will protect him from impositions of every kind, and scorn to go halves with the landlord, like most other conductors and travelling servants ; and will defend him with their lives, if there is occasion. That those of their number, who have thus enlisted themselves in the service of society, are known and respected by the other banditti all over the island ; and the persons of those they accompany are ever held sacred. For these reasons, most travellers chuse to hire a couple of them from town to town ; and may thus travel over the whole island in safety. To illustrate their character the more, he added two stories, which happened but a few days ago, and are still in every body's mouth :

A number of people were found digging in a place where some treasure was supposed to have been hid during the plague : as this has been forbid under the most severe

* A small coin.

† About eleven shillings.

penalties, they were immediately carried to prison, and expected to have been treated without mercy; but, luckily for the others, one of these heroes happened to be of the number. He immediately wrote to the Prince of Villa Franca, and made use of such powerful arguments in their favour, that they were all immediately set at liberty.

This will serve to shew their consequence with the civil power; the other story will give you a strong idea of their barbarous ferocity, and the horrid mixture of stubborn vice and virtue (if I may call it by that name) that seems to direct their actions. I should have mentioned, that they have a practice of borrowing money from the country people, who never dare refuse them; and if they promise to pay it, they have ever been found punctual and exact, both as to the time and the sum; and would much rather rob and murder an innocent person, than fail of payment at the day appointed: and this they have often been obliged to do, only in order (as they say) to fulfil their engagements, and to save their honour.

It happened within this fortnight, that the brother of one of these heroic banditti having occasion for money, and not knowing how to procure it, determined to make use of his brother's name and authority, an artifice which he thought could not easily be discovered; accordingly he went to a country priest, and told him his brother had occasion for twenty ducats, which he desired he would immediately lend him. The priest assured him that he had not so large a sum, but that if he would

return in a few days it should be ready for him. The other replied, that he was afraid to return to his brother with this answer; and desired, that he would by all means take care to keep out of his way, at least till such time as he had pacified him; otherwise he could not be answerable for the consequences. As bad fortune would have it, the very next day the priest and the robber met in a narrow road; the former fell a-trembling, as the latter approached, and at last dropped on his knees to beg for mercy. The robber, astonished at this behaviour, desired to know the cause of it. The trembling priest answered, "Ill denaro." The money, the money—but send your brother to-morrow, and you shall have it. The haughty robber assured him, that he disdained taking money of a poor priest; adding, that if any of his brothers had been low enough to make such a demand, he himself was ready to advance the sum. The priest acquainted him with the visit he had received the preceding night from his brother, by his order; assuring him, that if he had been master of the sum, he should immediately have supplied it.—Well, says the robber, I will now convince you whether my brother or I are most to be believed; you shall go with me to his house, which is but a few miles distant.—On their arrival before the door, the robber called on his brother; who never suspecting the discovery, immediately came to the balcony; but on perceiving the priest, he began to make excuses for his conduct. The robber told him, there was no excuse to be made; that he only desired

to know the fact: If he had gone to borrow money of that priest in his name or not?—On his owning it, the robber with deliberate coolness lifted his blunderbuss to his shoulder, and shot him dead; and turning to the astonished priest, “You will now be persuaded, said he, that I had no intention of robbing you at least.”

You may now judge how happy we must be in the company of our guards. I don’t know but this very hero may be one of them; as we are assured they are two of the most intrepid and resolute fellows in the island.

[We shall conclude this article, with a specimen of the behaviour of these formidable guards upon their journey.]

We have had a delightful journey; and if all Sicily is but as agreeable, we shall not repent of our expedition. We left Messina early this morning, with six mules for ourselves and servants, and two for our baggage. This train, I assure you, makes no contemptible appearance; particularly when you call to mind our front and rear guard; by much the most conspicuous part of it. These are two great drawcanfir figures, armed cap-a-pie, with a broad hanger, two enormous pistols, and a long arquebuse. This they kept cocked and ready for action in all suspicious places; where they recounted us abundance of wonderful stories of robberies and murders; some of them, with such very minute circumstances, that I am fully persuaded they themselves were the principal actors. However, I look upon our situation as perfectly secure; they pay us great respect, and take the utmost pains that we

shall not be imposed upon. Indeed, I think they impose upon every body else, except us; for they take the bills according to their pleasure; and such cheap ones I never paid before. To-day’s dinner for eleven men (our three maitreers included) and feeding for ten mules and horses, did not amount to half a guinea. And, although we pay them high, (an ounce a day each) yet I am persuaded they save us at least one half of it on our bills. They entertained us with some of their feats, and make no scruple of owning their having put several people to death; but add, “*Ma è tutti, tutti honorabilmente.*” That is to say, that they did not do it in a dastardly manner, nor without just provocation.

Of the Florentines; by the late Earl of Corke and Orrery.

THE inhabitants of the highest fort are stout, grave, and abstemious. Even an Englishman, conquered by example, drinks not bumpers here. The common people are lazy, proud, and cowardly. Not a grain of Roman spirit remains throughout Tuscany. You know the general attachment which is inherent to names. The Florentines languish after the house of Medici, not by that family they were first enslaved. That they should wish their prince to reside among them, is consonant to nature and to reason. They dream of ancient liberty; their dreams have a gloomy effect upon their waking hours; they appear melancholy. “We are a people,” say they, “enslaved by the clog. We will go fly, but we

“are detained by iron chains.” Whither would they fly? Undoubtedly to their ancient republic.

Their good breeding runs into the stiffness of ceremony. They are offended at the least defect in decorum. There are certain established laws in going into a coach, that still puzzle me, and often make me study very heartily which is my right, and which is my left hand. No Florentine ever appears in an undress. The fiddlers, the taylor, and the barbers, all wear swords. The noblemen (*la nobiltà*) sit not to the next door without a numerous attendance of lacqueys, among whom is always a running footman. They are strangers to what the French call ease; in which point that nation deviates into an extreme, particularly by avoiding cleanliness, and forgetting decorum.

The Florentines affect, and almost reach magnificence. Their equipages are fine, their coaches large, their horses lean; their palaces truly sumptuous. They make few or no entertainments. Neither their dispositions nor revenues will allow of hospitality. They have card-assemblies, in which formality, rather than dignity, or gaiety, presides. I am told they are satirical. It is certain they are nice observers, and neither defective in judgment or understanding; yet their public amusements and diversions, especially those of the theatre, are the amusements and diversions of children. The practice of religion is outwardly acted by their priests, and indeed by the laity in the churches. Few traces of it (I speak not of the clergy) are perceptible in their conduct. Not half an hour ago, a solemn pro-

cession passed under our windows. The persons, who attended it, shewed by their behaviour their private opinion of the scenery. No heretics could have conducted themselves in a more indecent manner. The customs and external forms of religion are continued; the reverence and devotion of it are neglected. Prudence (by an inviolable taciturnity on certain points) added to a most constant attendance at mass, defend the Florentines from the tyranny of the inquisition; which exists, but triumphs not, in this city.

How shall I spell, how shall I paint, how shall I describe, the animal known by the title of a *Cbicbisbee*? [*Cicisbeo*]. You will not find the word in any dictionary. The etymology is not as yet made known to me. It so totally abrogates one of the chief characteristics of the Italians, Jealousy, that, unless I had seen innumerable instances of its power in that particular, scarce your own testimony could have found credit with me. The *Cbicbisbee* is a man, with many of the privileges of a husband, and all the virtues of an eunuch. He is an appendix to matrimony. Within a week after her nuptials, a young lady makes choice of her *Cbicbisbee*. From that moment she never appears in public with her husband, nor is ever imprudent enough to be seen without her *Cbicbisbee*. He is her guardian, her friend, and her gentleman usher. He attends her in a morning as soon as she is awake. He presents to her chocolate before she rises. He sets her slippers; and, as soon as his morning visit is over, he withdraws where he pleases. The lady admits him not to dinner.

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The husband only has that honour. In the afternoon he returns to attend her in her visits. His assiduity must be remarkable; his punctuality must never waver. When she sees company at home, he is to hand her from one end of the room to the other, from chair to chair, and from side to side. If she enters into a particular discourse with another person, the *Chichibee* retires into a corner of the room with the lap-dog, or sits in the window teaching the macaw to speak Italian. If the lady sits down to play, it is the duty of the *Chichibee* to sort her cards. The husband (believe me, I entreat you, if you can,) beholds their familiarities, not only contentedly, but with pleasure. He himself has the honourable employment of a *Chichibee* in another house; and in both situations, as husband and *chichibee*, neither gives, nor receives, the least tinct of jealousy.

Methinks I see you dubious and starting at this account. Be assured, it is not exaggerated, nor have I extracted a tittle from the scandalous chronicle, which says, that *Chichibees* are often elected before marriage, and instituted after; adding farther, that the name of the *Chichibee*, and the definition of his employment, are frequently inserted in marriage-settlements, to secure him against the too great power of a whimsical husband, or a watchful mother-in-law. Many other sinister comments may be found in that voluminous chroni-

cle. How can it be otherwise? The appearance of the breach of virtue is always treated by the world, as the breach itself. Give obloquy a foundation-stone, she will soon raise a superstructure, that shall reach the skies. Upon the whole, we may pronounce equitably this sentence, that if the lady is chaste, she has great virtue; if the *Chichibee* is chaste, he has greater.

Character of Lewis XIV; by the same.

NO man appeared more graceful on horseback. Nature fitted him to act the part of a king, but not of a hero. He was the ornament and example of his own court. He was a model of politeness to every prince in Europe. He has had more flatterers, and has deserved more admirers, than any sovereign, his grandfather excepted, [Henry IV.] that ever filled the *Gallic* throne. I have read many characters of him. Those compiled by Larrey*, Martiniere†, and other laborious adulators, exhibit a portrait, in which few traces of resemblance can be found. They hide him in clouds of flattery, or they expose him, like a king upon a sign, in coarse, fulsome, glaring colours, fit only to attract the eyes of the vulgar and the ignorant. The character of him by monsieur Voltaire is drawn in a masterly manner, yet in every stroke

* "His history of England," says Voltaire, "was esteemed, before the publication of Rapin's, but his history of Lewis XIV. never was." He died at Berlin in 1719.

† "The history of Lewis XIV. under the name "of Martiniere," says the same writer, "is every where faulty; confounds names, dates, and events."

the partial hand of the Frenchman, the Voltaire, is too perceptible. The outlines of the abbé Choisy please and instruct, but they are few and unconnected. I think I have gathered more of his true private character from the loose undesigning pen of his cousin german, Mademoiselle de † Montpensier, than from any other writer. By her anecdotes I am induced to admire him amidst his family and courtiers, as one of the finest and compleatest gentlemen of his time and nation. He was happy in his own disposition and temper, and that happiness diffused itself to all who were near him. His personal accomplishments were eminent and captivating. Let us look a little into his mind. His vanity was secreted by his modesty. His profuseness was softened into generosity, not only by his manner of giving, but because he openly cherished, and unboundedly protected every art and science in the world. His infidelity as an husband is much palliated, when we consider the peevishness and simplicity of his wife. His ignorance was covered by his prudence. Conscious of his own defects, he corrected them in the education of his son; tacitly lamenting his own want of erudition. His devotion degenerated into the too common extreme of bigotry; which never fails to produce the blindness of cruelty, and the deafness of oppression.

Except in his false notions of religion, he was generous, compassionate, and humane. His talents, if not shining, at least were strong and clear. His private conduct was always decent, often splendid, never mean. During the favours of fortune, he indulged his vanity. During her frowns, he behaved himself with true philosophy. He died more heroically in his bed than he had ever appeared in his camp. Consider him in his regal sphere; though he was far from being a perfectly good prince, he was almost as far from being a bad one. Nature formed him (as she has formed most men, to whom she gives passions and abilities) a remarkable mixture of good and evil. The good part attended the man; the evil part, the monarch. His ambition was inexcusable, as it has occasioned most of the calamities, that have been since felt in Europe.

Of Metastasio; from Mr. Burney's Tour through Germany and the Netherlands, &c.

BEFORE I had the honour of being introduced to Signor Metastasio, I obtained, from undoubted authority, the following particulars relative to this great poet, whose writings have perhaps more contributed to the refinement of vocal melody, and, consequently,

* Daughter of Gaston, duke of Orleans, and grand daughter to Henry IV. Her cruel treatment by the king her cousin, for marrying the count de Lauzun, is well known, and must ever impeach both the justice and humanity of that prince. See the age of Lewis XIV. chap. 25. and *Talbot's Letters on the French Nation*, vol. 11. p. 60—64. "Her memoirs," says Voltaire, "are rather those of a woman full of herself, than of a princess, who had been a witness of great events: but many curious particulars are contained in them." She died in 1693.

of music in general, than the joint efforts of all the great composers in Europe; this supposition I shall hereafter endeavour to explain and confirm, in speaking of him only as a lyric poet.

The Abate Pietro Metastasio, was adopted at Rome, while very young, by the celebrated civilian, Gravina, who discovering in him an extraordinary talent for poetry, undertook the care of his education; and, after he had been instructed under his eye, in all the parts of polite literature, he sent him to Calabria, in the kingdom of Naples, to learn Greek, as a living language, it being still spoken in that province, by the natives. He had such a faculty of speaking verses extempore, so early as at five years old, that Gravina used to set him on a table, to perform the part of an *Improvisatore*; but this exercise was found to exhaust him so much, that a physician assured his patron, if he continued this practice, it would destroy him; for at such times he was so truly *afflatus numine*, that his head and stomach swelled, and became inflamed, while his extremities grew cold. Gravina seeing this, thought it necessary to take the physician's advice, and would never suffer him more to *improvvisare*. Metastasio now speaks of the practice as equally repugnant to grammar, and to common sense; for whoever accustoms himself in this rapid manner, to distort every thought into rhyme, destroys all taste, and totally precludes selection: till, by degrees, the mind and genius accommodating themselves to inaccuracies and absurdities,

not only lose a relish for labour, but for every thing that is chaste and correct.

Gravina made Metastasio translate all Homer into Italian verse, before he was fourteen years of age; and this, perhaps, destroyed some of that veneration for the ancients, with which most men of true genius are possessed *. Fielding said of himself, that he bore marks of the difficulty of Homer about him all his life. Gravina idolized the ancients, and, perhaps, Metastasio, taking the contrepied, respects them too little.

He has opinions fixed and unalterable, peculiar to himself, concerning many things, particularly rhyme: he still thinks that the Hebrew Psalms are in rhyme, and that this consonance of verses is infinitely more ancient than is generally imagined. He thinks that Milton's Paradise Lost cannot be a perfect poem because it is written in blank verse, though all the narrative parts of his own dramatic pieces are in measured prose; indeed, before each song, he has a couplet, or close, usually in rhyme, which prepares for the change.

The whole tenor of his life is equally innoxious with his writings. He lives with the most mechanical regularity, which he suffers none to disturb; he has not dined from home these thirty years; he is very difficult of access, and equally averse to new persons, and new things; he sees, in a familiar way, but three or four people, and them, constantly every night, from eight o'clock till ten; he abhors writing, and never sets pen to paper but by compulsion: as it was ne-

* Gravina died in the year 1728, and made Metastasio his heir.

cessary to bind Silenus, before he would sing; and Proteus, to oblige him to give oracles.

He has long been invested with the title and appointments of imperial laureate; and when the emperor, empress, or any one of the imperial family orders it, he sits down and writes, two hours at a time only, just as he would transcribe a poem written by any one else; never waiting for a call, invoking the Muse, or even receiving her favours at any other than his own stated periods.

He was applied to by the editors of the Encyclopedie, to write the article Opera for that work; but he politely declined the task, supposing it impossible that his sentiments on the subject should be pleasing to the French nation.

Tasso is his favourite of all poets; he likes not Fingal, on account of its wildness and obscurity*; he reads with his select friends ancient and modern authors every evening; he is extremely fond of the writings of count Medini, a Bohemian, whose poetical compositions, he says, are superior to those of all other living writers. This count is translating the *Henriade*, of Voltaire, into Italian *Ottave Rime*.

A person of very high rank assured me, that he had been five years in Vienna before he could get acquainted with Metastasio, or even into conversation with him; and, after that time, but three visits had been exchanged between them in several years; indeed in my applications for letters of recommendation to this exquisite poet, before I left England, I had

been mortified by an assurance, “ that it would be in vain for me
“ to attempt even a sight of Metas-
“ tasio, as he was totally worn out,
“ incommunicative, and averse to
“ society on all occasions.”

However, this account had been expressed in too strong terms; for, upon my arrival at Vienna, I found that besides the constant society of his particular friends every evening, he had a kind of levee each morning, at which he was visited by a great number of persons of high rank and distinguished merit.

If he is attended to with complaisance, he converses very freely and agreeably; but if contradicted he becomes immediately silent; he is too well-bred, as well as too indolent, to dispute; if what he thinks erroneous be advanced, in opposition to any thing that he has said, he passes it over in silence. He likes not animated discussions, such as generally subsist among men of talents and learning; but rather chuses the ease and moderation of a private individual, than to lay down the law in the decisive manner of a public and exalted character. Indeed there seems to be that soft calmness in his life, which subsists in his writings, where he reasons, even in passion, more than he raves; and that even tenor of propriety and correctness which runs through all his works, is, in some degree, constitutional. He is as seldom, perhaps, violently agitated in his writings as in his life, and he may be called the poet of the golden age; in which simplicity and decorum are said to have reigned, more than the wild

* The poems of Ossian are translated into Italian, by the Abate Melchior Cesarotti, and were published at Padua in 1763.

and furious passions. The effusions of patriotism, love, and friendship, which he pours out with exquisite sweetness, are affections of a soft and gentle kind, which his heart felt, and his soul has coloured.

He has not, perhaps, the fire of a Corneille, or the wit and variety of a Voltaire; but he has all the pathos, all the correctness of a Racine, with more originality. I need only mention his well-known poem, *Grazie a gl' Inganni tuoi*, which has been so many times imitated and translated in all languages: this contains a species of wit, peculiar to Metastasio, in which he turns trivial circumstances to account. Shakespeare has said, in derision, of one of his characters, that "he has a *reasonable* good wit," and this is seriously true with respect to Metastasio, whose wit is not composed of epigrammatic points, or whimsical conceits; neither is it biting, nor sarcastical; but consists of familiar and natural things, highly polished, and set in diamonds.

———'Tis nature to advantage
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What oft was thought, but ne'er
so well express'd.

The sweetness of his language and versification, give a grace to all that he writes, and the natural tendency of his genius, is to point out rectitude, propriety, and decorum; and though he discovers in every stanza of his *Nisa*, that he is not cured of his passion for a jilt, yet he plainly proves that he ought to be so.

[We shall add to this general character, an account of our author's first visit to that celebrated poet.]

At six o'clock in the evening Lord Stormont carried me to him. We found only one of his particular friends with him, who is likewise one of the imperial librarians, and the person to whom I had been introduced at the library, and who had arranged the visit.

This great poet is lodged, as many other great poets have been before him, in a very exalted situation, up no less than four pair of stairs. Whether modern bards prefer the sublimity of this abode, on account of its being somewhat on a level with mount Parnassus, nearer their sire Apollo, or in the neighbourhood of gods in general, I shall not determine; but a more plain and humble reason can be assigned for Metastasio's habitation being "twice two stories high," if we consider the peculiar prerogative which the emperor enjoys at Vienna, of appropriating, to the use of the officers of his court and army, the *first floor* of every house and palace in that city, six or eight privileged places only excepted. On this account, princes, ambassadors, and nobles, usually inhabit the second stories; and the third, fourth, and even fifth floors, the houses being very large and high, are well fitted up, for the reception of opulent and noble families; and our poet, though he occupies that part of a house, which, in England, is thought only fit for domestics to sleep in, has, nevertheless, an exceeding good and elegant apartment, in which an imperial laureate may, with all due dignity, hold dalliance with the muses.

He received us with the utmost cheerfulness and good-breeding; and I was no less astonished than

pleased at finding him look so well: he does not seem more than fifty years of age, though he is at least seventy-two*; and, for that time of life, he is the handsomest man I ever beheld. There are painted on his countenance all the genius, goodness, propriety, benevolence, and rectitude, which constantly characterise his writings. I could not keep my eyes off his face, it was so pleasing and worthy of contemplation. His conversation was of a piece with his appearance: polite, easy, and lively. We got him to open upon music much more than we expected; for, in general, he avoids entering deep into any particular subject. He set off, however, by saying, that he could furnish me with very few new lights upon my subject, as he had never considered it with sufficient attention; however, in the course of our conversation, he discovered himself to have a very good general knowledge both of the history and theory of music; and I was very much flattered to find his sentiments correspond with my own in many doubtful particulars.

We discussed the following subjects; the musical scales of the ancient Greeks; their melody, chorus, modes, and declamation; the origin of modern harmony and operas; the fondness for fuges in the last century, and for noise in this, &c. &c.

He seems rather pleased with Mr. Hoole's translation of the two first volumes of his works; but thinks, with me, that if he has failed, it is more in the songs than

recitatives: however, in excuse for Mr. Hoole, he says, that the case is hopeless in translating Italian poetry, for the language itself is so soft and musical, that no other can furnish words equivalent in sweetness. He likes no one of the many thousand translations and imitations of his *Grazi e agl' In-ganni tuoi*. I asked him, if he was author of a duo to these words, which I had procured many years ago, and sung him the two or three first bars; and he said, "something like it."

We talked of the different editions of his works; he thinks those of Paris and Turin, in ten volumes, are the most complete and correct. These contain all that he intended to publish, except the opera of *Ruggiero*, performed at Milan last year; Lord Stormont lamented that the pieces were not arranged in an exact chronological order; but Metastasio said, that it was of little moment to the public whether he wrote *Artaserse* or *Didone* first; however, he confessed, that there were some particulars which gave birth to several of these pieces, which perhaps should be known.

Here he told us, that when his mistress, the Empress-Queen, was going to be married to the Duke of Lorrain, he was applied to for an opera on the occasion, and he had only eighteen days allowed him to write it in. He immediately cried out, that it was impossible; but, when he got home, he sketched out the story of Achilles in Scyros; he delineated a kind of argument upon a large sheet of paper;

* There is an edition of his opera of *Giustino* extant, which was printed in 1713; and as he was said to have been fourteen when he wrote that poem, it throws his birth into the last century.

here he was to begin ; thus far the first act ; these the incidents of the second, and this the catastrophe of the third. Then he distributed business to his several characters ; here a song, here a duo, and here a soliloquy. He then proceeded to write the dialogue, and to divide it into scenes, which were severally given to the composer the moment they were finished, and by him to the performer to be got by heart. For the eighteen days included the whole arrangement of poetry, music, dancing, scenes, and decorations.

He said, that necessity frequently augmented our powers, and forced us to perform, not only what we thought ourselves incapable of, but in a much more expeditious, and often in a better manner, than the operations of our choice and leisure ; he added, that *Hypermetra* was produced in nine days, and it is remarkable, that *Achilles* and *Hypermetra*, are two of *Metastasio's* best dramas.

Lord Stormont asked if he had ever set any of his operas to music himself, and he answered, that he was not musician sufficient ; he had, indeed, now and then given a composer the *motivo*, or subject of an air, to shew how he wished it should express his words ; but no more. His lordship told him, that old Fontenelle had said, in his hearing, that no musical drama would be perfect, or interesting, till the poet and musician were one, as in ancient times ; and that when Rousseau's *Devin du Village* came out, and so delighted every hearer, the literary patriarch Fontenelle, attributed its success to that union of poet and musician.

But *Metastasio* said, that musical

composition, was now an affair of so much skill and science, in regard to counterpoint, the knowledge of instruments, the powers of a finger, and other particulars, that it required too much time and application for a modern poet, or man of letters, to acquire them.

He said, he did not think that there was now one finger left, who could sustain the voice in the manner the old fingers were used to do. I endeavoured to account for this, and he agreed with me, that theatrical music was become too instrumental ; and that the cantatas of the beginning of this century, which were sung by no other accompaniment than a harpsichord or violoncello, required better singing than the present songs, in which the noisy accompaniments can hide defects as well as beauties, and give relief to a finger.

He seemed to think, that the music of the last age, was in general too full of fugues, of parts, and contrivances, to be felt or understood, except by artists. All the different movements of the several parts, their inversions and divisions, he said, were unnatural, and, by covering and deforming the melody, only occasioned confusion.

He confirmed to me the story of his having been forced, by *Gravina*, to translate the whole *Iliad* of Homer into Italian *Ottave Rime*, at twelve years old. He likewise mentioned his having made verses *all' improvvisa* when young ; but that he had discontinued the practice before he was seventeen.

Several jokes escaped him in the course of our conversation, and he was equally chearful, polite, and attentive, the whole time. We stayed with him just two hours ;
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and, at my going away, he shook me by the hand, enquired where I lodged, and said he would wait on me; but I begged he would not give himself that trouble, saying that I should be perfectly happy in a permission to pay my respects to him again: he then desired me to come whenever I pleased, and assured me that he should be always glad to see me.

Our author, in an evening visit, proceeds as follows.—He called for candles, and said it was so dark that our words could not find the way to their destination. He spoke to his servant in German, *ein Licht*: upon which I asked him if he had had patience to learn that language? He replied, “A few words only, to save my life:” meaning to ask for necessities, or he should have been starved to death.

Lord Stormont said that news of a revolution in Sweden had arrived that morning. This occasioned a political conversation for some time, which I wished very much to have changed.—*Ecco*, says Metastasio, turning to me, *un’ altra scena per la drama!* Here’s a new scene for the drama! He observed, that the interests of mankind were so various and so opposite, and even a man’s own conceptions were so frequently at strife with themselves, that it was not possible for the world to go on without these sudden events, which should surprize no one who considers how full the head of man is of contradictions and caprice.

I had been told, and it was likewise the opinion of Signor Hasse, that Metastasio had more of his own manuscript poetry in his possession, than had hitherto been published; but Lord Stormont doubts much of the fact; alledging his principle of never working but when he is cal-

led upon, against his writing verses merely to lock them up. Metastasio laughs at all poetic inspiration, and makes a poem as mechanically as another would make a shoe, at what time he pleases, and without any other occasion than the want of it.

However, Lord Stormont says, that he has seen a translation of Horace’s *Ars Poetica*, in Italian verse, by Metastasio, which he thinks far superior to every one that has been made in other languages. He has likewise translated the *Hec erat in votis*, of the same poet, admirably well. In this, like Horace, he has told the story of the town and country mouse, as a serious fact, and kept more closely, both to the letter and spirit of the original, than any other who has hitherto attempted it.

Metastasio, like most other persons in years, has an aversion to the talking about his own age, about the infirmities of his friends, or the calamities, or death, even of persons that are indifferent to him. He is extremely candid in his judgment of men of genius, and even of poets with whom he has had a difference, which indeed are very few. For, when he has been attacked by them, it has often happened, that, after writing an epigram or couplet, to shew his particular friends how he could defend himself, he has thrown it into the fire: and he has never been known either to print or publish a line, by way of retaliation, against the bitterest enemy to his person or poems.

He has a natural cheerfulness and pleasantry, in his manner and conversation, which gave a gaiety to all around him; and is possessed of

of as easy an eloquence in speaking as in writing. He is, indeed, one of the few extraordinary geniuses who lose nothing by approximation or acquaintance: for, it is a melancholy reflection that, very few, like him, are equally intitled to the epithets *good* and *great*.

The following anecdote has been given me by a person of veracity, well informed of every particular, relative to this great poet. Many years ago, when Metastasio's circumstances were far from affluent, and he was only known at Vienna as an assistant writer for the opera, under Apostolo Zeno; a person with whom he had contracted a great intimacy and friendship, dying, left him his whole fortune, amounting to fifteen thousand pounds sterling. But Metastasio hearing that he had relations at Bologna, went thither in search of them; and having found such as he thought best entitled to these possessions, told them, that though his deceased friend had bequeathed to him his whole fortune, he could suppose it to be no otherwise than in trust, till he should find out the most deserving of his kindred, in order to divide it equitably among them; which he immediately did, without the least reserve in his own favour.

We are greatly obliged to the Right Hon. the Earl of Buchan, for his communication of the following Article.

Some Particulars relating to the famous Lord Fairfax; extracted from an original MS. (by Dr. Bryan Fairfax) now in the possession of the Earl of Buchan.

THOMAS Lord Fairfax, was the son of Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, and Mary Sheffield, daughter of the Earl of Mulgrave. He was born at Denton, (in the west of Yorkshire) anno 1611, Jan. 17th. He went into the low-country wars in 1627, where General Vere, Baron of Tilbury, took special notice of him, whose daughter and coheir he married, anno 1637, and had issue, Mary Duchess of Bucks, and Elizabeth. He commanded the Yorkshire troop of redcaps in the first Scotch warr. Hee was knighted in 1640; and was chosen generall of the Parliament's army, in the unhappy civil warr 1645; and resigned his commission 1650. Hee was signally instrumental in the restauration of his majesty King Charles the II^d, declaring for Generall Monk, then in Scotland, (at his earnest request) against Lambert's army, which prest hard upon him as he lay at Caldstream, whither my Lord Fairfax sent me, his cousin Bryan Fairfax, with a verbal answer to his letter, brought by Sir Thomas Clargis, that he would appear at the head of what forces he could raise in Yorkshire, the first of January 1652; which he did to so good effect, that in three days time the report of my Lord Fairfax's opposing them being spread about Lambert's army, the Irish briggade, consisting of 1200 horse, deserted him, and sent to offer their service to Lord Fairfax; and several foot regiments at the same time declared for their old Generall Fairfax; and in five days time, Lambert himself, with ten men, stole away from his own army. Then Generall Monk marched into England, and offered the command of the army to Lord Fairfax;

Fairfax; but he refused it, only advised him (at his house at Appleton, where Monk gave him a visit), to consider there would be no peace in England, untill the nation was settled upon the old foundation of monarchy, and King Charles the Second restored; and in the meantime to call the old secluded members into this parliament, which had now got into their places again. The Generall was more relieved than he needed to have been upon this free discourse of Lord Fairfax, being alone with him in his study, which gave my Lord occasion to suspect him ever after, untill he declared himself the spring following, that he was of the same mind, having received another letter at London from my Lord Fairfax, (delivered by the same hand Bryan Fairfax) and accompanied with the address of all the * gentlemen of Yorkshire, for a free parliament, and that they would pay no taxes till it meet.

King Charles the Second himself did often acknowledge these services, not only by granting him a general pardon, but upon all occasions speaking kindly of him, and praising his great courage, his modesty, his honesty, &c.

In the year 1660, he was one of the deputies of that parliament (or convention), sent to King Charles the Second, then at the Hague, (where Bryan Fairfax went with him) to invite his Majesty over into England, where he was kindly received, his Majesty sending Lord Gerard to compliment him parti-

cularly, and to conduct him to court, where he kist his Majesty's hand, and was admitted to some private discourse with his Majesty; as likewise Mr. Edward Bowles, being presented by the Duke of Ormond.

After his Majesty's restoration and coronation, my Lord Fairfax retired from London to his own house at Nun-Appleton near York, (a house which he built a few years before) and where he peaceably spent the remainder of his life, bearing the pains of the gout and stone, with a courage and patience equal to that he had shewn in the unhappy warr: the wounds and fatigues of that warr, brought those diseases upon him, whereof he writt a short account, which he calls, A Memorial of his Actions in the Northern Warr, from the year 1642 to 1644: and something in his own vindication after he was Generall. The original is in Denton library.

The last seven yeares of his life, that disease which he was most subject to, the gout, occasioned or increased by the heats and colds, and loss of blood, the many wounds he got in the warr; this disease took from him the use of his legges, and confined him to a chair, wherein he sat like an old Roman, his manly countenance striking awe and reverence into all that beheld him; and yet mixt with so much modesty and meekness, as no figure of mortall man ever represented more. Most of his time did he spend in religious duties, and much

* At their desire my Lord writ a particular letter to General Monk. My Lord Fairfax was then at Arthegton, with about 110 men, when an officer came and enquired for Mr. Bryan Fairfax (now Dr. Fairfax), to bring him to my Lord, with his kind and seasonable offer of their assistance.

of the rest in reading good books, which he was qualified to do, in all moderne languages, as appears by those he hath writt and translated: several volumes of his own hand-writing, are now in the study at Denton, with my brother Henry Lord Fairfax.

He dyed of a short sickness of a fever, at Appleton, November the 11th, 1671. The last morning of his life, he called for a Bible, saying his eyes grew dim: he read the 42d. psalm, "As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, &c." And perceiving his end approaching, having some years before settled the best part of his estate, viz. manors of Denton, Askwith, Rington, Bilbrough, with other rents, upon his cousin Henry Fairfax, to whome the title was to go, and entailed the same upon the heirs males of our grandfather Thomas, the first Lord Fairfax of Denton.

The rest of his estate, viz. Appleton and Bolton, to his daughter the Dutchess of Buckingham, if she had issue male; if not, to the heirs of Thomas Lord Fairfax, the eldest: and so he quietly yielded up his soul to God in the 60th year of his age, and was buried at Bilbrough, near York, where a decent monument is erected to his memory. His lady was buried there also.

Character of Mrs. Bridget Bendish, Grand-daughter of Oliver Cromwell. Written in 1719, on Occasion of the closing Words of

Lord Clarendon's Character of her Grandfather. By Mr. Say.*

THE character of Oliver seems to be made up of so many inconsistencies, that I do not think any one is capable of drawing it justly, who was not personally and thoroughly acquainted with him, or, at least, with his grand-daughter, Mrs. Bridget Bendish, the daughter of his son-in-law Ireton†; a lady, who, as in the features of her face, she exactly resembled the best picture of Oliver, which I have ever seen, and which is now at Rose-hall, in the possession of Sir Robert Rich, so she seems also as exactly to resemble him in the cast of her mind.

A person of great presence and majesty, heroic courage, and indefatigable industry; and, with something in her countenance and manner, that at once attracts and commands respect, the moment she appears in company, accustomed to turn her hands to the meanest offices, and even drudgeries of life‡, among her workmen and labourers, from the earliest morning to the decline of day, insensible to all the calls and necessities of nature, and in a habit and appearance beneath the meanest of them, and neither suiting her character or sex: and then immediately, after having eaten and drunk, almost to excess, of whatever is before her, without choice or distinction, to throw herself down on the next couch or bed that offers, in the profoundest sleep; to rise from it with new life and

* Viz. "he will be looked upon by posterity as a brave wicked man."

† Commissary-general Ireton married the Protector's eldest daughter, Bridget, who, after his death, married lieutenant-general Fleetwood.

‡ Salt-works.

vigour; to dress herself in all the riches, and grandeur of appearance, that her present circumstances, or the remains of better times, will allow her; and, about the close of evening, to ride in her chaise, or on her pad, to a neighbouring port *, and there shine in conversation, and to receive the place and precedence in all company, as a lady, who once expected, at this time, to have been one of the first persons in Europe: to make innumerable visits of ceremony, business, or charity; and dispatch the greatest affairs with the utmost ease and address, appearing every where as the common friend, advocate, and patroness of all the poor, the oppressed, and the miserable in any kind; in whose cause she will receive no denial from the great and the rich; rather demanding than requesting them to perform their duty; and who is generally received and regarded, by those who know her best, as a person of great sincerity, piety, generosity, and even profusion of charity. And yet, possessed of all these virtues, and possessed of them in a degree beyond the ordinary rate, a person (I am almost tempted to say) of no truth, justice, or common honesty; who never broke her promise in her life, and yet, on whose word no man can prudently depend, nor safely report the least circumstance after her.

Of great and most fervent devotion towards God, and love to her fellow-creatures, and fellow-Christians; and yet there is scarce an instance of impiety, or cruelty, of which perhaps, she is not capable.

Fawning, suspicious, mistrustful,

and jealous, without end, of all her servants, and even of her friends; at the same time that she is ready to do them all the service that lies in her power; affecting all mankind generally, not according to the service they are able to do to her, but according to the service their necessities and miseries demand from her; to the relieving of which, neither the wickedness of their characters, nor the injuries they may have done to herself in particular, are the least exception, but rather a peculiar recommendation.

Such are the extravagances that have long appeared to me in the character of this lady, whose friendship and resentment I have felt by turns for a course of many years acquaintance and intimacy; and yet, after all these blemishes and vices, which I must freely own in her, he would do her, in my opinion, the greatest injury, who should say, *she was a great wicked woman*: for all that is great and good in her, seems to be owing to a true magnanimity of spirit, and a sincere desire to serve the interest of God and all mankind; and all that is otherwise, to wrong principles, early and strongly imbibed by a temperament of body, (shall I call it?) or a turn of mind, to the last degree enthusiastic and visionary.

It is owing to this, that she never hears of any action of any person, but she immediately mingles with it her own sentiments and judgment of the person, and the action, in so lively a manner, that it is almost impossible for her to separate them after; which senti-

* Yarmouth.

ments therefore, and judgment, she will relate thenceforwards with the same assurance that she relates the action itself.

If she questions the lawfulness or expediency of any great, hazardous, and doubtful undertaking, she pursues the method, which, as she says, her grandfather always employed with success; that is, she shuts herself up in her closet, till by fasting and prayer the vapours are raised, and the animal spirits wrought up to a peculiar ferment, by an over-intenseness and strain of thinking: and whatever portion of scripture comes into her head at such a season, which she apprehends to be suitable to the present occasion, (and whatever comes in such circumstances, is sure to come with a power and evidence, which, to such a heated imagination, will appear to be divine and supernatural,) thence forward no intreaties nor persuasions, no force of reason, nor plainest evidence of the same scriptures alledged against it; no conviction of the impropriety, injustice, impiety, or almost impossibility of the thing can turn her from it: which creates in her a confidence and industry that generally attains its end, and hardens her in the same practice for ever. "She will trust a friend that never deceived her." This was the very answer she made me, when, upon her receiving a considerable legacy at the death of a noble relation, I urged her to sus-

pend her usual acts of piety, generosity, and charity, upon such occasions, till she had been just to the demands of a poor woman, and had heard the cries of a family too long kept out of their money; for, "how," said I, "if you should die, and leave such a debt undischarged, which no one will think himself obliged to pay, after the decease of a person from whom they have no expectations?" She assured me, she would never die in any one's debt. — "But how is it possible you should be assured of that, who are for ever in debt to so many persons, and have so many other occasions for your money than discharging of your debts, and are resolved to have so many as long as you live?" Her answer was as before mentioned.

[Added after her Death.]

And the event justified her conduct; if any thing could justify a conduct, which reason and revelation must condemn.

Such was this grand-daughter of Oliver, who inherited more of his constitution of body, and complexion of mind, than any other of his descendants and relations with whom I have happened to be acquainted. And I have had some acquaintance with many others of his grand-children; and have seen his son Richard *, and Richard's son Oliver †; who had something

* Richard died at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire, July 13, 1712, aged 86.

† William Cromwell, Esq; son of this Oliver, and great-grandson of the Protector, died in Kirby-street, Hatton-garden, unmarried, on July 9, 1772, aged 85. Mr. Oliver Cromwell, an attorney of the Million Bank-office, and Mr. Thomas Cromwell, now in the East-Indies, sons of Mr. Thomas Cromwell, of Snow-hill, and the Protector's great-grandsons, are now the only survivors of his male line.

indeed of the spirit of his grandfather; but all his other distinguishing qualifications seemed vastly inferior to the lady, whose character I have sincerely represented as it has long appeared to

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*Character of Sir Francis Bacon,
Lord high Chancellor of England,
by Monsieur d'Alembert.*

ON considering attentively the sound, intelligent, and extensive views of this great man, the multiplicity of objects his piercing wit had comprehended within its sphere, the elevation of his style, that every-where makes the boldest images to coalesce with the most rigorous precision, we should be tempted to esteem him the greatest, the most universal, and the most eloquent of philosophers. His works are justly valued, perhaps more valued than known, and therefore more deserving of our study than elogiums. Bacon, born amidst the obscurity of the most profound night, perceived that philosophy did not yet exist, tho' many had undoubtedly flattered themselves for having excelled in it; for, the more an age is gross and ignorant, the more it believes itself informed of all that can be possibly known. He began by taking a general view of the various objects of all natural sciences; he divided those sciences into different branches, of which he made the most exact enumeration; he examined into what was already known as to each of those objects, and he drew up an immense catalogue of what remained to be discovered. This was the aim and subject of

his admirable work, on the dignity and augmentation of natural knowledge. In his *New Organ of Sciences*, he perfects the views he had pointed out in the first work; he carries them farther, and shews the necessity of experimental physics, which was not yet thought of. An enemy to systems, he beholds philosophy as only that part of our knowledge, which ought to contribute to make us better or more happy. He seems to limit it to the science of useful things, and every-where recommends the study of nature. His other writings are formed on the same plan. Every thing in them, even their titles, is expressive of the man of genius, of the mind that sees in great. He there collects facts, he there compares experiments, and indicates a great number to be made. He invites the learned to study and perfect the arts, which he deems as the most illustrious and most essential part of human knowledge. He exposes with a noble simplicity his conjectures and thoughts on different objects worthy of interesting men; and he might have said, as the old Gentleman of Terence, that nothing affecting humanity was foreign to him. Science of Nature, Morality, Politics, Oeconomics, all seemed to be within the stretch of that luminous and profound wit; and we know not which most to admire, the richness he diffuses over all the subjects he treats of, or the dignity with which he speaks of them. His writings cannot be better compared than to those of Hippocrates on Medicine; and they would be neither less admired nor less read, if the culture of the mind was as dear to mankind as the preservation of their health.

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But there are none but the chiefs of sects of all kinds whose works can have a certain splendor. Bacon was not of the number, and the form of his philosophy was against it. It was too good to fill any one with astonishment. The Scholastic Philosophy, which had gained the ascendant in his time, could not be overthrown but by bold and new opinions; and there is no probability that a philosopher, who only intimates to men, 'This is the little you have learned, this is what remains for your enquiry,' is calculated for making much noise among his contemporaries. We might even presume to hazard some degree of reproach against the Lord Chancellor Bacon for having been perhaps too timid, if we were not sensible with what reserve, and as it were with what superstition, judgment ought to be passed on so sublime a genius. Though he confesses that the scholastic philosophers had enervated the sciences by the minutiae of their questions, and that sound intellects ought to have made a sacrifice of the study of general beings to that of particular objects, he seems notwithstanding, by the frequent use he makes of school-terms, and sometimes also by the adopting of scholastic principles, and by the divisions and sub-divisions then much in vogue, to have shewed too much deference for the predominant taste of his age. This great man, after breaking the shackles of so many irons, was still intangled by some chains, which he either could not, or dared not to break asunder.

Some Account of the celebrated Sir John Tradescant. Extracted from Vol. XVI.

a Memoir written by Dr. Ducarel, F.R.S. and F.S.A. in the 63^d Vol. of the Philosophical Transactions.

JOHN Tradescant was, according to Anthony Wood, a Fleming or a Dutchman. We are informed by Parkinson, that he had travelled into most parts of Europe, and into Barbary; and from some emblems remaining upon his monument in Lambeth church-yard, it plainly appears, that he had visited Greece, Egypt, and other eastern countries.

In his travels he is supposed to have collected not only plants and seeds, but most of those curiosities of every sort, which after his death were sold by his son to the famous Elias Ashmole, and deposited in his museum at Oxford.

When he first settled in this kingdom cannot at this distance of time be ascertained. Perhaps it was at the latter end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, or the beginning of that of King James the First. His print, engraven by Hollar before the year 1656, which represents him as a person very far advanced in years, seems to countenance this opinion.

He lived in a great house at South Lambeth, where there is reason to think his museum was frequently visited by persons of rank, who became benefactors thereto: among these were King Charles the First, (to whom he was gardener) Henrieta Maria his queen, Archbishop Laud, George Duke of Buckingham, Robert and William Cecil Earls of Salisbury, and many other persons of distinction.

John Tradescant may therefore be justly considered as the earliest collector (in this kingdom) of every
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thing that was curious in natural history, viz. minerals, birds, fishes, insects, &c. He had also a good collection of coins and medals of all sorts, besides a great variety of uncommon rarities. A catalogue of these, published by his son, contains an enumeration of the many plants, shrubs, trees, &c. growing in his garden, which was pretty extensive. Some of these plants are (as I am informed) if not totally extinct, at least become very uncommon, even at this time: though this able man, by his great industry, made it manifest, in the very infancy of botany, that there is scarce any plant extant in the known world that will not with proper care thrive in this kingdom.

When his house at South Lambeth; then called Tradescant's Ark, came into Ashmole's possession, he added a noble room to it, and adorned the chimney with his arms, impaling those of Sir William Dugdale, whose daughter was his third wife, where they remain to this day.

This house belongs at present to John Small, Esq. who about twelve years ago purchased it of some of Ashmole's descendants; and my house, once a part of Tradescant's, is adjoining thereto.

It were much to be wished, that the lovers of botany had visited this once famous garden, before, or at least in, the beginning of the present century. But this seems to have been totally neglected till the year 1749, when yourself* and the late Dr. Mitchel favoured the Royal Society with the only account now extant of the remains of Tradescant's garden.

When the death of John Tradescant happened I have not been able to discover, no mention being made thereof in the register-book of Lambeth church.

A singular monument was erected in the south-east part of Lambeth church-yard in 1662, by Hester, the relict of John Tradescant the son, for himself and the rest of this family, which is long since extinct.

This once-beautiful monument hath suffered so much by the weather, that no just idea can now, on inspection, be formed of the north and south sides. But this defect is happily supplied from two fine drawings preserved from Mr. Pepy's library at Cambridge. We see,

On the east side, Tradescant's arms.

On the west, a hydra, and under it a skull.

On the south, broken columns, Corinthian capitals, &c. supposed to be ruins in Greece, or some other eastern countries.

On the north, a crocodile, shells, &c. and a view of some Egyptian buildings.

Various figures of trees, &c. in relievo, adorn the four corners of this monument.

The following remarkable epigraph, preserved at Oxford, and printed in Mr. Aubrey's Antiquities of Surry, p. 11, was intended for, but never placed upon, this monument.

Know stranger, e'er thou pass, beneath this
stone

Lie John Tradescant, grandfire, father, son.
The last dy'd in his spring; the other two
Liv'd till they had travelled Art and Na-
ture thro',

As by their choice collections may appear,
Of what is rare in land, in seas, in air:

* The Memoir is addressed to William Watson, M. D.

Whilst they (as Homer's Iliad in a nut)
 A world of wonders in one closet shut.
 These famous antiquarians that had been
 Both gardeners to the rose and lily queen,
 Transplanted now themselves, sleep here;
 and when
 Angels shall with their trumpets waken
 men
 And fire shall purge the world, these hence
 shall rise,
 And change their garden for a paradise.

Before I conclude, I must beg leave to add a list of the portraits of the Tradescant family, now in the Ashmolean museum. I cannot, however, conceive why both father and son are therein called Sir John, as it does not appear either of them were ever knighted. But so it is in the Oxford list communicated to me some time since by the late worthy and learned Mr. William Huddesford, keeper of the Ashmolean library.

1. Sir John Tradescant, senior. A three-quarter piece, ornamented with fruit, flowers, and garden roots.

2. Ditto. After his decease.

3. A small three-quarter piece. Water colours.

4. A large piece, of his wife, son, and daughter. Quarter length.

5. Sir John Tradescant, jun. in his garden. Half length. A spade in his hand.

6. Ditto, with his wife, in one piece. Half length.

7. Ditto, with his friend Zythepsa of Lambeth; a collection of shells, &c. upon a table before them. A large quarter piece, inscribed Sir John Tradescant's second wife and son.

These pictures have no date nor painter's name, as I can yet find. They are esteemed to be good portraits. Who the person was, called in the picture Zythepsa, I never could learn. He is painted as if

entering the room, and Sir John is shaking him by the hand.

AND. COLTEE DUCAREL.

Some Account of Mac-Murchard, an Irish Chieftain in the reign of Richard the Second; from Dr. Leland's History of Ireland.

RICHARD was at length prevailed on to march against the enemy commanded by Art. Mac-Murchard, who, notwithstanding the pensions he had received, and the submissions he had lately made, was still the inveterate enemy of the English; and in the violence of national pride, enflamed by the prospect of success, vowed the most desperate vengeance against his invaders. To secure himself from the superiour numbers of the enemy he retired to his woods; and at their approach, appeared at the head of three thousand men so well armed and appointed, and with such an appearance of determined valour, as were perfectly astonishing to the English, who had been taught to despise their rude and undisciplined violence. The royal army was drawn out in order of battle, expecting a vigorous attack; but the Irish forces, who thought of nothing less than a regular engagement in the field, suddenly disappeared; and Richard, elevated by this retreat, ordered the adjacent villages and houses to be set on fire, and the royal standard to be advanced, under which he created several knights, and among these the young Lord Henry of Lancaster, afterwards the illustrious King Henry the fifth, who on this occasion gave the first proofs of his distinguished valour.

To facilitate the pursuit of an enemy who appeared to fly, a large body of peasants was employed to open a passage through the woods, which the Irish had by every means endeavoured to render impassable. As the king's army marched through all the difficulties of an encumbered road, perpetually impeded, and sometimes plunged into deep and dangerous morasses, the enemy frequently assailed them with loud and barbarous ululations; cast their darts with such force as no armour could withstand, slaughtered their detached parties, retired, and advanced with astonishing agility, so as continually to annoy and harass the English forces, though they could not be brought to a general engagement. Some of the Irish lords, less penetrating than their subtle chieftain, and among those his uncle, were indeed terrified by the numbers of the king's forces, and with all the marks of humiliation submitted to Richard. They appeared before him with halters round their necks, fell at his feet, imploring peace and forgiveness, and were graciously received. Art. Mac-Murchard was summoned to make the like submissions; and, to prevail upon him to accept of grace, and return to his allegiance, Richard was weak enough to promise large rewards, territories, and castles in Leinster. The Irishman, who well knew the difficulties to which the king's army was reduced, and the impossibility of their subsisting for any time in their present situation, returned a haughty answer of defiance, and declared his resolution of opposing the king of England to the utmost. Richard had the mortification to find that the distress

of his soldiery, which had encouraged the adversary to this insolence, could no longer be concealed, and every day grew more intolerable. Numbers of his men perished by famine; their horses, from want and severity, grew incapable of service; a general gloom spread through his camp, and his bravest knights murmured at their fate, who were to perish in a service attended with so little honour, and such severe distress. A few ships laden with provisions from Dublin having landed on a neighbouring coast, the famished soldiers plunged into the sea, seized and rifled them, shedding each other's blood in a furious contest for relief. The necessity of decamping was too apparent, and too urgent to admit of the least delay. Richard, with his numerous forces, was compelled to retire before an inconsiderable band of enemies whom he had despised, who pursued and incessantly harassed him in his retreat.

Mac-Murchard, however, amidst all the exultation of a pursuing enemy, was not so blinded by his present success, but that he discerned and considered the real extent of his power. Sensible of the king's superiority, and that his present difficulties must determine with his arrival at the capital, which, though he might retard by his incursions, he could not prevent, he embraced the present moment to attempt an accommodation upon advantageous terms; and by message to the king desired a safe-conduct, that he might repair securely to his camp to offer his propositions of peace; or else, that some lords might be deputed to confer with him. By advice of the

the council, Gloucester was commissioned to meet him at a place appointed; and for this purpose marched out with a guard of two hundred launces, and one thousand archers. An eye-witness of their interview, describes the Irish chieftain, tall of stature, and formed for agility and strength, of an aspect fierce and severe, mounted on a swift and stately horse, without saddle, and darting rapidly from a mountain between two woods adjacent to the sea, attended by his train. At his command they halted at due distance, while their leader, casting the spear from him, which he grasped in his right hand, rushed forward to meet the English Lord. The parley was continued for a considerable time. The Irish prince was reminded of his late engagements, his grievous infractions, his attack of the King's vicegerent, and the slaughter both of him and his forces. He proudly answered, by defending his conduct upon such pretences as he could devise; and, after much debate, at last consented to submit, but absolutely refused to be bound to any special composition or conditions. As such an overture was not admissible, the conference was broken off; and Gloucester returned to the King, with the provoking intelligence of the result of this interview, and the insolence of Mac-Murchard. The pride of Richard was so severely wounded, that he passionately vowed never to depart from Ireland until he had possessed himself of this rebel alive or dead.

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Extracts of some Letters, from Sir William Johnson, Bart. to Ar-

thur Lee, M. D. F. R. S. *on the Customs, Manners, and Language of the Northern Indians of America.*

[Read Jan. 28, 1773.]

IN all enquiries of this sort, we should distinguish between the more remote tribes, and those Indians, who, from their having been next to our settlements for several years, and relying solely on oral tradition for the support of their ancient usages, have lost great part of them, and have blended some with our customs, so as to render it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to trace their customs to their origin.

The Indians did certainly live under more order and government formerly, than at present. This may seem odd, but it is true; for, their intercourse being with the lower class of our traders, they learn little from us but our vices; and their long wars, together with the immoderate use of spirituous liquors, have so reduced them, as to render that order, which was first instituted among them, unnecessary and impracticable.

They do not at present use hieroglyphics; their figures being drawn, to the utmost of their skill, to represent the thing intended. For instance, when they go to war, they paint some trees with the figures of warriors, often the exact number of the party; and if they go by water, they delineate a canoe. When they gain a victory, they mark the handle of their tomahawks with human figures, to signify prisoners; and draw the bodies without heads, to express the scalps they have taken. The figures.

figures which they affix to deeds, have led some to imagine, that they had alphabetical characters or cyphers. The fact is this : Every nation is divided into tribes, of which some have three, as the turtle, bear and wolf ; to which some add the snake, deer, &c. Each tribe forms a little community within the nation ; and as the nation has its peculiar symbol, so has each tribe the particular badge from which it is denominated : and a Sachem of each tribe being a necessary party to a fair conveyance, such Sachem affixes the mark of his tribe thereto, like the public seal of a corporation. With respect to the deed of 1726, of which you sent me the signatures, the transaction was in some measure of a partial nature. All the nations of the confederacy did not subscribe it ; and those chiefs who did, neglected to pay due regard to their proper symbols ; but signed agreeably to fancy, of which I have seen other instances. The manner I have mentioned is the most authentic, and conformable to their original practice.

As to the information, which, you observe, I formerly transmitted to the governor of New-York, concerning the belt and fifteen bloody sticks sent by the Missisagees, the like is very common ; and they use these sticks, as well to express the alliance of castles, as the number of individuals in a party. The sticks are generally about six inches in length, very slender, and painted red if the subject be war. Their belts are mostly black wampum, painted red when they denote war. They describe castles sometimes upon them, by square figures of white wampum ; and in alliances, human

figures holding a chain, which is their emblem of friendship, and each figure represents a nation. An axe is also sometimes described, and always imports war : the taking it up, being a declaration of war ; and the burying it, a token of peace.

With respect to your questions concerning the chief magistrate, or Sachem, and how he acquires his authority, &c. ; I am to acquaint you, that there is, in every nation, a Sachem, or chief ; who appears to have some authority over the rest, and it is greatest amongst the most distant nations. But in most of those bordering on our settlements, his authority is scarcely discernible, he seldom assuming any power before his people. And indeed this humility is judged the best policy ; for, wanting coercive power, their commands would perhaps occasion assassination, which sometimes happens.

The Sachems of each tribe are usually chosen in a public assembly of the chiefs and warriors, whenever a vacancy happens by death, or otherwise ; they are generally chosen for their sense and bravery from among the oldest warriors, and approved of by all the tribe ; on which they are saluted Sachems. There are, however, several exceptions ; for some families have a kind of inheritance in the office, and are called to this station in their infancy.

The chief Sachem, by some called the king, is so either by inheritance, or by a kind of tacit consent, the consequence of his superior abilities and influence. The duration of his authority depends much on his own wisdom, the number and consequence of his relations,

tions, and the strength of his particular tribe. But even in those cases where it descends, should the successor appear unequal to the task, some other Sachem is sure to possess himself of the power and the duties of the office. I should have observed, that military services are the chief recommendations to this rank. And it appears pretty clearly, that heretofore the chief of a nation had, in some small degree, the authority of a sovereign. This is now the fact among the most remote Indians. But as, since the introduction of fire-arms, they no longer fight in close bodies, but every man is his own general; I am inclined to think this has contributed to lessen the power of a chief. This chief of a whole nation, has the custody of the belts of wampum, &c. which are as records of public transactions: he prompts the speakers at all treaties, and proposes affairs of consequence. The chief Sachems form the grand council; and those of each tribe often deliberate apart on the affairs of their particular tribes. All their deliberations are conducted with extraordinary regularity and decorum. They never interrupt him who is speaking; nor use harsh language, whatever may be their thoughts.

The chiefs assume most authority in the field: but this must be done, even there, with great caution; as a head warrior thinks himself of most consequence in that place.

The Indians believe in, and are much afraid of, witchcraft: those suspected of it are therefore often punished with death. Several nations are equally severe on those guilty of theft, (a crime indeed uncommon among them): but in cases of murder, the relations are

left to take what revenge they please. In general, they are unwilling to inflict capital punishments, as these defeat their grand political object, which is, to increase their numbers by all possible means.

On their hunts, as upon all other occasions, they are strict observers of *meum* and *tuum*, and this from principle, holding theft in contempt; so that they are rarely guilty of it, though tempted by articles of much value. Neither do the strong attempt to seize the prey of the weak; and I must do them the justice to say, that, unless heated by liquor, or inflamed by revenge, their ideas of right and wrong, and their practices in consequence of them, would, if more known, do them much honour. It is true, that, having been often deceived by us, in the purchase of lands, in trade, and other transactions, many of them begin now to act the same part. But this reflects most on those who set them the example.

As to your remark on their apparent repugnance to civilization, I must observe, that this is not owing to any viciousness of their nature, or want of capacity; as they have a strong genius for arts, and uncommon patience. I believe they are put to the English schools too late, and sent back too soon to their people, whose political maxim, Spartan-like, is to discountenance all pursuits but war, holding all other knowledge as unworthy the dignity of man, and tending to enervate and divert them from that warfare on which they conceive their liberty and happiness depend. These sentiments constantly instilled into the minds of youth, and

illustrated by examples drawn from the contemptible state of the domesticated tribes, leave lasting impressions; and can hardly be defeated by an ordinary school education.

I wish my present leisure would allow me to give you as many specimens of their language as would shew, that (though not very wordy) it is extremely emphatical; and their style adorned with noble images, strong metaphors, and equal in allegory to any of the eastern nations. The article is contained in the noun, by varying the termination; and the adjective is combined into one word. Thus of *Echin*, a man, and *Gowana*, great, is formed *Echingowana*, a great man. *Cabyungbarw*, is a creek, *Cagbyungba*, a river, *Cagbyungbaowana*, a great river; *Cagbyungheo*, a fine river. *Haga* the inhabitants of any place, and *Tierham* the morning; so, if they speak of eastern people, they say, *Tierbansf-aga*, or people of the morning. *Eso* is expressive of a great quantity, and *Esojee* is the superlative. The words *Goronta* and *Golota*, which you mention, are not of the six nations, but a Southern language. It is curious to observe, that they have various modes of speech and phrases peculiar to each age and sex, which they strictly observe. For instance,

a man says, when he is hungry, *Cadagcariax*, which is expressive both of his want and of the animal food he requires to supply it; whilst a child says, in the same circumstances, *Cautfore*, that is, I require spoon-meat.

There is so remarkable a difference in the language of the six nations from all others, as affords ground for enquiring into their distinct origin. The nations north of the St. Lawrence, those west of the great lakes, with the few who inhabit the sea-coasts of New-England, and those again who live about the Ohio, notwithstanding the respective distances between them, speak a language radically the same, and can in general communicate their wants to one another; while the six nations, who live in the midst of them, are incapable of conveying a single idea to their neighbours, nor can they pronounce a word of their language with correctness. The letters *M* and *P*, which occur frequently in the other languages, are not in theirs; nor can they pronounce them but with the utmost difficulty. There is indeed some difference of dialect among the six nations themselves; but this is little more than what is found in all the European states.

NATURAL HISTORY.

New Observations upon Vegetation.
By Mr. Mustel, of the Academy
of Sciences at Rouen; translated
from the French. From the 63d
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actions.

[Read Jan. 14, 1773.]

MANY celebrated writers, in-
duced by the analogy, which
they observed betwixt the vegeta-
ble and animal kingdoms, have
admitted the circulation of the sap
in the one, in a similar manner to
the circulation of the blood in the
other.

This important point of vegeta-
ble œconomy produced a diversity
of opinions, and has not yet been
sufficiently cleared up.

Dr. Hales, in his *Vegetable Sta-
ticks*, does not seem to embrace
the system of the circulation of
the sap; but he does not prove the
contrary *. Mr. Du Hamel, in his

Physiology of Trees, contents him-
self with relating what has been
said for or against this opinion;
but, though he sufficiently hints
that he does not believe it true, he
determines nothing about it. The
friends of the circulation in plants,
have never been able to find in them
any thing analogous to that power-
ful organ, which is the promoter
of it in animals; for want of such
an organ, they were forced to ima-
gine valves and paps in the lym-
phatick vessels of plants, by means
of which the liquors once intro-
duced into the sap vessels, were sup-
posed to be hindered from going
back; but, unfortunately, nobody
has ever been able to discover these
valves and paps, so different from
the simple contrivances, by which
nature is used to arrive at her ends.

An experiment, which I made,
and of which I propose giving an
account in this paper, throws a
great light upon this question, at

* *Il ne prouve pas contre.* This certainly is a mistake. Dr. Hales in the
IVth chapter of his *Physical Staticks*, not only declares openly against the doc-
trine of the circulation of the sap, and overturns the arguments alledged in fa-
vour of this opinion; but he produces several new experiments, which prove
directly the impossibility of such a circulation. His reasons have been thought
so convincing, that the system of the circulation in plants has been ever since
exploded in England; and that they have had a similar effect abroad, appears
from the following quotation from a book of the ingenious Mr. Bonnet, F.R.S.,
of Geneva, intitled, *Recherches sur l'usage des feuilles*, printed in 1754, p. 260.
“ Pour moi, persuadé de la fausseté de cette opinion (que la sève circule
comme le sang) par les expériences de M. Hales (Ch. IV.) &c.”

well as upon several others ; and the conclusions deducible from it appear to me decisive.

On the 12th of January, I placed several shrubs in pots against the windows of my hot-house, some within the house, and others without it. Through holes made for this purpose in the panes of glass, I passed a branch of each of the shrubs, so that those on the inside had a branch without, and those on the outside one within ; after this, I took care that the holes should be exactly closed and luted. This inverse experiment, I thought, if followed closely, could not fail affording sufficient points of comparison, to trace out the differences, by the observation of the effects.

The 20th of January, a week after this disposition, all the branches that were in the hot-house began to disclose their buds. In the beginning of February, there appeared leaves, and towards the end of it, shoots of a considerable length, which presented the young flowers. A dwarf apple-tree, and several rose-trees, being submitted to the same experiment, shewed the same appearance then as they commonly put on in May ; in short, all the branches which were within the hot-house, and consequently kept in the warm air, were green at the end of February, and had their shoots in great forwardness. Very different were those parts of the same tree, which were without and exposed to the cold. None of these gave the least sign of vegetation ; and the frost, which was intense at that time, broke a rose-pot placed on the outside, and killed some of the branches of that very tree, which, on the inside, was every day putting forth more and more shoots,

leaves, and buds, so that it was in full vegetation on one side, whilst frozen on the other.

The continuance of the frost occasioned no change in any of the internal branches. They all continued in a very brisk and verdant state, as if they did not belong to the tree, which, on the outside, appeared in the state of the greatest suffering. On the 15th of March, notwithstanding the severity of the season, all was in full bloom. The apple-tree had its root, its stem, and part of its branches, in the hot-house. These branches were covered with leaves and flowers ; but the branches of the same tree, which were carried to the outside, and exposed to the cold air, did not in the least partake of the activity of the rest, but were absolutely in the same state, which all trees are in during winter. A rose-tree, in the same position, shewed long shoots with leaves and buds ; it had even shot a vigorous branch upon its stalk, whilst a branch which passed through, to the outside, had not begun to produce any thing, but was in the same state with other rose-trees left in the ground. This branch is four lines in diameter, and eighteen inches high.

The rose-tree on the outside was in the same state ; but one of its branches drawn through to the inside of the hot-house, was covered with leaves and rose-buds. It was not without astonishment that I saw this branch shoot as briskly as the rose-tree which was in the hot-house, whose roots and stalk, exposed as they were to the warm air, ought, it should seem, to have made it get forwarder than a branch belonging to a tree, whose roots, trunk, and all its other branches, were

sap; and even this, considering the congealed state of the lymphatic vessels of the stock, could have found no passage to the branch. This branch must of course have been enabled to continue its vegetation by the quantity of sap with which it was provided, the consumption of which must have been supplied at the first breaking of the frost. This truth, now demonstrable by experience, had been pointed out before by a multiplicity of other facts. Every body may have observed that a tree, which has been blown down in autumn, though separated from its trunk, begins the same vegetation, that it would have done if it had remained standing. Its buds open, it bears leaves, and even shoots, which sometimes are very long, and must be the effects of the sap it contained. It is true, indeed, that this appearance does not continue long, because the provision of sap once exhausted, without being renewed, every thing must of necessity perish.

An effect of the like kind often deceives us in trees, that have been newly planted, and in scions, which produce flowers, and even fruits, without ever having taken root. But in this case the symptoms, which would seem to promise life, are on the contrary the fore-runners of death; because the leaves, being from their nature the most powerful organs of transpiration and dissipation, the graft is the more readily exhausted, when there is no root to furnish it with a fresh supply of nutritive juices.

III. This experiment proves that it is heat, which unfolds the leaves, and produces the other parts of fructification, in the branch exposed to its action.

Autumn is the time, in which nature employs itself as it were clandestinely, under the cover of the leaves, in forming the buds, which contain the rudiments of the leaves, blossoms, and fruits, that are to be produced in the course of the succeeding summer. These buds prepare and work themselves out, during the winter, under the rough coats, that are destined to preserve them from the injuries of the weather. As soon as the warm weather in the spring begins to be felt, the buds open, and their coats, which then become useless, drop off, and give place to the productions, which they contained and preserved. Immediately after this, the blossoms, flowers, and fruits make their appearance. This is the usual operation; but in the case before us, nature was, as it were, surprized by art: what she should not have done till spring, she did in the winter, because the heat of the hot-house produced that expansion, which, according to the natural course, ought to have been effected by the rays of the sun darting less obliquely than before upon the horizon. There is no doubt but it is to heat, either natural or artificial, that this expansion is owing; and the experiment proves that it is only in that part of the tree, which is exposed to the effect of heat, that the sap, which in every other part remains torpid and inactive, is put into motion, and produces vegetation. From this, it appears that the vegetable economy is different from the animal, and that those, who endeavoured to establish the circulation in both, carried their analogy too far.

This fact, now established, furnishes a good reason why in the tapping

which is to perpetuate the species. All the other parts, being only intended to co-operate in the formation and preservation of the seeds, perish of course, when once the seeds are come to maturity and perfection, and the work of nature fulfilled.

Another remarkable thing in these apples is, that in the upper part there was found a much deeper cavity than usual. It was eight or nine lines deep. The orifice of this cavity was bordered by five tubercles, indented and somewhat elevated; but there was no vestige of the calyx, which, it is well known, remains always to the upper part of apples and pears, and is commonly called the eye.

I now return to my first experiment; the consequences of which, as I have described them, seem to prove,

I. First that the circulation of the sap does not take place in plants, as the circulation of the blood in animals. This may be deduced from the following observations.

The tree in the hot-house went through all its changes during the winter, and the branch exposed to the open air underwent none; consequently the sap, which was in action in the root, stock, and head of the tree, did not circulate through the branch without; which had no share in the vegetation of the roots and trunk. It might, indeed, be argued that the cold air, to which this branch was exposed, stopped the circulation, and therefore that the first experiment would not be decisive; but the inverse of it seems fully so.

The tree placed on the outside of the hot-house continued, during

the whole winter, in the state of numbness, natural to all trees, which are exposed at that season; but one of its branches, which was in the hot-house, put forth successively its buds, leaves, blossoms, and fruits. Whilst therefore the root of the tree, to which this branch belonged, was in the ground so frozen, that the pot itself, in which it stood, was broken by it, whilst the stock and top of the tree were so covered over with ice, that many of the branches were killed; this branch alone did not in the least partake of the common state of numbness and suffering, and was on the contrary in full vegetation. The sap in it must have been extremely rarefied, and in very quick motion, whilst that of the tree was greatly condensed, and in total inaction. How is it possible to conceive a circulation of the sap from such a frozen root and stock, to a branch full of vigour, and loaded with leaves and flowers? Surely this experiment must appear conclusive against the system of circulation; since in this case it could at best only be admitted to have taken place in the vegetating branch; and that would very improperly be termed circulation, which should be confined to one limb.

II. This experiment proves, that each part of a tree is furnished with a sufficient quantity of sap to effect the first production of buds, flowers, and fruits. There is little probability that the branch drawn into the hot-house, should have derived its sap from the roots of the tree; as they, at that time, lay in a very small quantity of earth, rendered extremely hard and dry by the frost, they could have but little liquor to spare;

capitally convicted, six of whom were reprieved.

At Huntingdon assizes, none were capitally convicted.

At Hertford assizes, four were capitally convicted.

Of those capitally convicted, one was for murder, viz. William Passell, scarce twenty years of age, for poisoning an old man, bailey to the farm at Bramfield, which Passell worked at, who had refused advancing him a guinea; this inhuman wretch went to a town ten miles off to buy arsenick for a rat-catcher, as he pretended, known there, and took an opportunity by telling his Dame the hens were laying, to mix the arsenick with some apple-dumplings for their dinner; the old man and woman were instantly seized with convulsions, but, by vomiting, the woman recovered; the man was too far gone. This villain came into the house during this, and never so much as asked the cause, or took the least notice, or offered assistance, which gave a suspicion; he charged on his trial an innocent man, but at the gallows declared him innocent, and that he only did the fact. His body was given to a surgeon.

At Hereford assizes, four were capitally convicted, two of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes, at Kingston, in Surrey, two were capitally convicted. Henry Bricker, alias Gentleman Harry, the coalheaver, who killed William Evans, another coalheaver, in a pitched battle in St. George's Fields in December last, was found guilty of manslaughter. Another man, who killed his antagonist in a battle at Kennington Common, was also found guilty of manslaughter.

At the assizes at Launceston, for the County of Cornwall, five were capitally convicted, four of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes at Lewes, none were capitally convicted.

At Lancaster assizes, one was capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Leicester, two were capitally convicted, one of whom was reprieved.

At the assizes at Monmouth, one was capitally convicted; but reprieved.

At the assizes at Northampton, three were capitally convicted, one of whom was reprieved.

At the assizes at Nottingham, three were capitally convicted; but were all reprieved.

At Reading assizes, two were capitally convicted; but were both reprieved.

At the assizes at Rochester, eight were capitally convicted, four of whom were reprieved before the Judge left the city, and the rest after.

The assizes for the county of Sussex, at East Grinstead, proved a maiden one.

At Salisbury assizes, eight were capitally convicted, one of whom, viz. William Amor, for a murder, was executed, and hung in chains; the others were reprieved.

At the assizes at Shrewsbury, four were capitally convicted.

At Stafford assizes, six were capitally convicted, four of whom were reprieved.

At the assizes at Thetford, for the county of Norfolk, two were capitally convicted, both of whom were reprieved.

At Warwick assizes, three were capitally convicted.

At the assizes at Wells, twelve were

tapping of the maple and sugar-birch-trees, so much liquor runs out on one side, and none at all on the other. It is well known that, if during the time of a frost, or a summer's day, towards noon, you bore a hole on the side of the maple-tree exposed to the south, you will get a great quantity of liquor from it; and that if you bore the north-side at the same time, you will not get a drop. The cause of this evidently appears from what has been said. One likewise sees why trees exposed to the south lose a great many of their branches, and sometimes die altogether, in the course of a severe winter; whilst trees of the same sort, but placed to the north, or in some other exposition, will stand the hardest frosts. This is particularly remarkable in the ever-greens, whose resinous and oily sap being liquefied by the heat of the sun, the tree cannot escape suffering a great deal, whenever it is surprized in that state by the night frosts. Those observers, who attend to this, and know how well pines, firs, and bays succeed, when planted on the back of mountains exposed to the north, will take care not to place such kind of trees in a southern aspect, in hopes of their succeeding better by it.

Many other consequences might be drawn from these experiments; but the bounds, I have assigned to this paper, do not allow it. I propose examining them more at large in a treatise upon vegetation, which, I hope, the observations and experiments I have made, may render interesting and useful.

ker; containing an Account of the Cavern of Dunmore Park, near Kilkenny, in Ireland.

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Dublin, April 26, 1771.

S I R,

AS I do not find in your Transactions any account of the cave of Dunmore Park, about three miles west of Kilkenny, I beg leave to lay before your learned society an account of this singular cavern, as near as an eye-survey, and a few experiments on its stones and petrefactions, will admit. It is situated in a fine plain, rising indeed here and there into small hills. The country all round abounds with limestone, and quarries of beautiful black marble, variegated with white shells. Different from those of Derbyshire and Mendip, this cave descends perpendicularly 30 yards, from the top of a small hill, through an opening 40 yards in diameter. The sides of this pit are limestone-rock, whose chinks nourish variety of shrubs and trees, down which the inspector must descend with great caution. In this descent, he is amused with flights of wild pidgeons and jacksnaws from the cave below. When he reaches the bottom, he sees one side of this pit supported by a natural arch of rock, above 25 yards wide, under which he goes horizontally, and sees two subterraneous openings to the right and left. If he turns to the right he makes his way over rocks and stones, coated with spar in the most whimsical shapes, and formed from the dropping roof, just as the dripping of a candle would cover a pebble. These knobs take a fine polish, are transparent, and variegated with the wildest

*A Letter to Charles Morton, M. D.
Sec. R. S. from Mr. Adam Wal-*

wildest assemblage of colouring. The Earl of Wandesford had one of them sawn into a slab, and it is as beautiful as a Moco. When I tried these petrefactions with an acid, the effervescence was excessive strong; and, as the earth all round is calcareous, and the stones limestone, I humbly apprehend the icicle figures impending from the roof, and these knobs, are thus formed. The rains, that fall on the hill over this cavern, oozing through an okery calcareous earth, and the limestone roof, imbibe or dissolve their fine particles in their descent; and, as this mixture can only filter through the rock exceedingly slowly, the water hanging on the roof is soon dissolved by the air, and the stony particles are left behind. Hence are formed the icicle-shaped cones that hang from the roof; these growing perpetually longer, have, in many parts of the cave, met the knobs from the bottom, and formed a number of fantastic appearances, like the pillars of a Gothic cathedral, organs, crosses, &c. When the rain filters pretty fast through the roof, it falls on the rocks below, and grows there into knobs and cones, whose vertex points to those that impend from the roof.

A spectator, viewing these, cannot but conceive himself in the mouth of a huge wild beast, with ten thousand teeth above his head, and as many under his feet. The scene is indeed both pleasing and awful; the candles burning dim, from the moisture in the air, just served to shew a spangled roof perpetually varnished with water, in some places upwards of 20 yards high; in other places we crawled on all-four, through cells that will

but admit one at a time. After having scrambled about 500 yards into this (which I will beg leave to call the) right-hand part of the cave, we returned to day-light, and then proceeded to view the left-hand part. Here, as our guides informed us, there were many different branches of the cavern, we tied one ball of pack-thread to another, as we went forward, that we might more easily find our way back. This branch is not so horizontal as the other; it inclines downwards, and the openings in it are vastly wider, some being at least 100 yards wide, and above 50 high. A small rill accompanied us, which, by its different falls, formed a sort of rude harmony, well suited to the place. In a standing part of this brook, and near a quarter of a mile from the entrance, we found the bones of a hundred at least of the human race; some were very large, but when taken out of the water, they crumbled away. As we could find nothing like an inscription, or earth for a burying-place, we conjectured that some of the civil wars, perhaps that of 1641, might have driven the owners of these bones into this place. The tradition of the neighbourhood threw no light upon it.

Many of the rocks on the roof and sides of this cavern are black marble, full of white spots of a shell-like figure; and the whole neighbourhood is full of quarries of this beautiful stone, which takes a fine polish, and is used through the three kingdoms for slabs, chimney-pieces, &c. I observed, in some deep and wet parts of these quarries, this elegant fossil in the first stages of its formation; the shells

shells are real, but so softened by time and their moist situation, as to be susceptible of receiving the stony particles into their pores, by whose cohesive quality, they in time become those hard white curls that give value to the marble: and it is very remarkable, and a proof that these white spots have been real shells, and thus formed, that the longer a chimney-piece or slab is used, the more of those spots ripen into view.

I have taken many more notes of the natural curiosities in this kingdom, which I shall be happy to communicate to your respectable society, if you think the subjects of sufficient importance: and am,

With great respect,

S I R,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ADAM WALKER.

Of the dreadful Effects of Cold in the Streights of Le Maire; from Lieutenant Cooke's Voyage round the world.

ON the 16th of January, early in the morning, Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander, with their attendants and servants, and two seamen to assist in carrying the baggage, accompanied by Mr. Monkhouse the surgeon, and Mr. Green the astronomer, set out from the ship, with a view to penetrate as far as they could into the country, and return at night. The hills, when viewed at a distance, seemed to be partly a wood, partly a plain, and above them a bare rock. Mr. Banks hoped to get through the

wood, and made no doubt, but that, beyond it, he should, in a country which no botanist had ever yet visited, find alpine plants which would abundantly compensate his labour. They entered the wood at a small sandy beach, a little to the westward of the watering-place, and continued to ascend the hill, through the pathless wilderness, till three o'clock, before they got a near view of the places which they intended to visit. Soon after they reached what they had taken for a plain: but, to their great disappointment, found it a swamp, covered with low bushes of birch, about three feet high, interwoven with each other, and so stubborn that they could not be bent out of the way; it was therefore necessary to lift the leg over them, which at every step was buried, ankle deep, in the soil. To aggravate the pain and difficulty of such travelling, the weather, which hitherto had been very fine, much like one of our bright days in May, became gloomy and cold; with sudden blasts of a most piercing wind, accompanied with snow. They pushed forward, however, in good spirits, notwithstanding their fatigue, hoping the worst of the way was past, and that the bare rock which they had seen from the tops of the lower hills was not more than a mile before them; but when they had got about two thirds over this woody swamp, Mr. Buchan, one of Mr. Banks's draughtsmen, was unhappily seized with a fit. This made it necessary for the whole company to halt, and as it was impossible that he should go any farther, a fire was kindled, and those who were most fatigued were left behind to take care of him. Mr. Banks, Dr.

Dr. Solander, Mr. Green, and Mr. Monkhouse went on, and in a short time reached the summit. As botanists, their expectations were here abundantly gratified; for they found a great variety of plants, which, with respect to the alpine plants in Europe, are exactly what those plants are with respect to such as grow in the plain.

The cold was now become more severe, and the snow-blasts more frequent; the day also was so far spent, that it was found impossible to get back to the ship before the next morning: to pass the night upon such a mountain, in such a climate, was not only comfortless, but dreadful: it was impossible however to be avoided, and they were to provide for it as well as they could.

Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander, while they were improving an opportunity which they had, with so much danger and difficulty, procured, by gathering the plants which they found upon the mountain, sent Mr. Green and Mr. Monkhouse back to Mr. Buchan and the people that were with him, with directions to bring them to a hill, which they thought lay in a better rout for returning to the wood, and which was therefore appointed as a general rendezvous. It was proposed, that from this hill they should push through the swamp, which seemed by the new rout not to be more than half a mile over, into the shelter of the wood, and there build their wigwam, and make a fire: this, as their way was all down hill, it seemed easy to accomplish. Their whole company assembled at the rendezvous, and, though pinched with the cold, were in health and spirits, Mr. Buchan himself having

recovered his strength in a much greater degree than could have been expected. It was now near eight o'clock in the evening, but still good day-light, and they set forward for the nearest valley; Mr. Banks himself undertaking to bring up the rear, and see that no straggler was left behind: this may perhaps be thought a superfluous caution, but it will soon appear to be otherwise. Dr. Solander, who had more than once crossed the mountains which divide Sweden from Norway; well knew that extreme cold, especially when joined with fatigue, produces a torpor and sleepiness that are almost irresistible: he therefore conjured the company to keep moving whatever pain it might cost them, and whatever relief they might be promised by an inclination to rest: whoever sits down, says he, will sleep; and whoever sleeps, will wake no more. Thus, at once admonished and alarmed, they set forward; but while they were still upon the naked rock, and before they had got among the bushes, the cold became suddenly so intense, as to produce the effects that had been most dreaded. Dr. Solander himself was the first who found the inclination, against which he had warned others, irresistible; and insisted upon being suffered to lie down. Mr. Banks intreated and remonstrated in vain, down he lay upon the ground, though it was covered with snow; and it was with great difficulty that his friend kept him from sleeping. Richmond also, one of the black servants, began to linger, having suffered from the cold in the same manner as the doctor. Mr. Banks, therefore, sent five of the company, among whom was Mr. Buchan,

chan, forward to get a fire ready at the first convenient place they could find; and himself, with four others, remained with the doctor and Richmond, whom partly by persuasion and entreaty, and partly by force, they brought on: but when they had got through the greatest part of the birch and swamp, they both declared they could go no farther. Mr. Banks had recourse again to entreaty and expostulation, but they produced no effect: when Richmond was told, that if he did not go on he would in a short time be frozen to death; he answered, 'That he desired nothing but to lie down and die: the doctor did not so explicitly renounce his life; he said he was willing to go on, but that he must first take some sleep, though he had before told the company that to sleep was to perish. Mr. Banks and the rest found it impossible to carry them, and there being no remedy they were both suffered to sit down, being partly supported by the bushes, and in a few minutes they fell into a profound sleep: soon after, some of the people who had been sent forward returned, with the welcome news that a fire was kindled about a quarter of a mile farther on the way. Mr. Banks then endeavoured to wake Dr. Solander and happily succeeded: but, though he had not slept five minutes, he had almost lost the use of his limbs, and the muscles were so shrunk that his shoes fell from his feet; he consented to go forward with such assistance as could be given him, but no attempts to relieve poor Richmond were successful. It being found impossible to make him stir, after some time had been lost in

the attempt, Mr. Banks left his other black servant and a seaman, who seemed to have suffered least by the cold, to look after him; promising, that as soon as two others should be sufficiently warmed, they should be relieved. Mr. Banks, with much difficulty, at length got the doctor to the fire; and soon after sent two of the people who had been refreshed, in hopes that, with the assistance of those who had been left behind, they would be able to bring Richmond, even though it should still be found impossible to wake him. In about half an hour, however, they had the mortification to see these two men return alone; they said, that they had been all round the place to which they had been directed, but could neither find Richmond nor those who had been left with him; and that though they had shouted many times, no voice had replied. This was matter of equal surprise and concern, particularly to Mr. Banks, who, while he was wondering how it could happen, missed a bottle of rum, the company's whole stock, which they now concluded to be in the knapsack of one of the absentees. It was conjectured, that with this Richmond had been roused by the two persons who had been left with him, and that, having perhaps drank too freely of it themselves, they had all rambled from the place where they had been left, in search of the fire, instead of waiting for those who should have been their assistants and guides. Another fall of snow now came on, and continued incessantly for two hours, so that all hopes of seeing them again, at least alive, were given up; but about twelve o'clock, to the great joy

joy of those at the fire, a shouting was heard at some distance. Mr. Banks, with four more, immediately went out, and found the seaman with just strength enough left to stagger along, and call out for assistance: Mr. Banks sent him immediately to the fire, and, by his direction, proceeded in search of the other two, whom he soon after found. Richmond was upon his legs, but not able to put one before the other; his companion was lying upon the ground, as insensible as a stone. All hands were now called from the fire, and an attempt was made to carry them to it; but this, notwithstanding the united efforts of the whole company, was found to be impossible. The night was extremely dark, the snow was now very deep, and, under these additional disadvantages, they found it very difficult to make way through the bushes and the bog for themselves, all of them getting many falls in the attempt. The only alternative was to make a fire upon the spot; but the snow which had fallen, and was still falling, besides what was every moment shaken in flakes from the trees, rendered it equally impracticable, to kindle one there, and to bring any part of that which had been kindled in the wood thither: they were, therefore, reduced to the sad necessity of leaving the unhappy wretches to their fate; having first made them a bed of boughs from the trees, and spread a covering of the same kind over them to a considerable height.

Having now been exposed to the cold and the snow near an hour and an half, some of the rest began to lose their sensibility; and one Briscoe, another of Mr. Banks's ser-

vants, was so ill, that it was thought he must die before he could be got to the fire.

At the fire, however, at length they arrived; and passed the night in a situation, which, however dreadful in itself, was rendered more afflicting by the remembrance of what was past, and the uncertainty of what was to come. Of twelve, the number that set out together in health and spirits, two were supposed to be already dead; a third was so ill, that it was very doubtful whether he would be able to go forward in the morning; and a fourth, Mr. Buchan, was in danger of a return of his fits, by fresh fatigue after so uncomfortable a night: they were distant from the ship a long day's journey, through pathless woods, in which it was too probable they might be bewildered till they were overtaken by the next night; and, not having prepared for a journey of more than eight or ten hours, they were wholly destitute of provisions, except a vulture, which they happened to shoot while they were out; and which, if equally divided, would not afford each of them half a meal; and they knew not how much more they might suffer from the cold, as the snow still continued to fall. A dreadful testimony of the severity of the climate, as it was now the midst of summer in this part of the world, the twenty-first of December being here the longest day; and every thing might justly be dreaded from a phenomenon which, in the corresponding season, is unknown even in Norway and Lapland.

When the morning dawned, they saw nothing round them, as far as the eye could reach, but snow.

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snow, which seemed to lie as thick upon the trees as upon the ground; and the blasts returned so frequently, and with such violence, that they found it impossible for them to set out: how long this might last they knew not, and they had but too much reason to apprehend that it would confine them in that desolate forest till they perished with hunger and cold.

After having suffered the misery and terror of this situation till six o'clock in the morning, they conceived some hope of deliverance by discovering the place of the sun through the clouds, which were become thinner, and began to break away. Their first care was to see whether the poor wretches whom they had been obliged to leave among the bushes were yet alive, three of the company were dispatched for that purpose, and very soon afterwards returned with the melancholy news, that they were dead.

Notwithstanding the flattering appearance of the sky, the snow still continued to fall so thick that they could not venture out upon their journey to the ship; but about 8 o'clock a small regular breeze sprung up, which, with the prevailing influence of the sun, at length cleared the air; and they soon after, with great joy, saw the snow fall in large flakes from the trees, a certain sign of an approaching thaw: they now examined more critically the state of their invalids; Briscoe was still very ill, but said, that he thought himself able to walk; and Mr. Bachan was much better than either he or his friends had any reason to expect. They were now, however, pressed by the calls of hunger, to which, after

long fasting, every consideration of future good or evil immediately gives way. Before they set forward, therefore, it was unanimously agreed, that they should eat their vulture; the bird was accordingly skinned, and, it being thought best to divide it before it was fit to be eaten, it was cut into ten portions, and every man cooked his own as he thought fit. After this repast, which furnished each of them with about three mouthfuls, they prepared to set out; but it was ten o'clock before the snow was sufficiently gone off to render a march practicable. After a walk of about three hours, they were very agreeably surprised to find themselves upon the beach, and much nearer to the ship than they had any reason to expect. Upon reviewing their track from the vessel, they perceived, that, instead of ascending the hill in a line, so as to penetrate into the country, they had made almost a circle round it. When they came on board, they congratulated each other upon their safety, with a joy that no man can feel who has not been exposed to equal danger; and as I had suffered great anxiety at their not returning in the evening of the day on which they set out, I was not wholly without my share.

Some particulars of the Natural History of New Zealand; from the same.

THIS country is composed of two large islands; besides numberless small ones. The northernmost of these islands is called by the natives Eahinomaue, and the southernmost Tevy, or Tarai.

Poenammoo; and are situated between the latitudes of 34° and 48° South, and between the longitudes of 181° and 194° West.

Tovy Poenammoo is for the most part mountainous, and to all appearance a barren country; and the people whom we saw in Queen Charlotte's Sound, those that came off to us under the snowy mountains, and the fires to the west of Cape Saunders, were all the inhabitants, and signs of inhabitants, that we discovered upon the whole island.

Eaheinomauwe has a much better appearance; it is indeed not only hilly but mountainous, yet even the hills and mountains are covered with wood, and every valley has a rivulet of water: the soil in these vallies, and in the plains, of which there are many that are not overgrown with wood, is in general light but fertile, and in the opinion of Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander, as well as of every other gentleman on board, every kind of European grain, plants, and fruit, would flourish here in the utmost luxuriance: from the vegetables that we found here, there is reason to conclude, that the winters are milder than those in England, and we found the summer not hotter, though it was more equally warm; so that if this country should be settled by people from Europe, they would, with a little industry, be very soon supplied not only with the necessaries, but the luxuries of life in great abundance.

In this country there are no quadrupeds but dogs and rats, at least we saw no other, and the rats are so scarce that many of us never saw them. The dogs live with the

people, who breed them for no other purpose than to eat: there might indeed be quadrupeds that we did not see, but this is not probable, because the chief pride of the natives, with respect to their dress, is in the skins and hair of such animals as they have, and we never saw the skin of any animal about them but those of dogs and birds: there are indeed seals upon the coast, and we once saw a sea lion, but we imagine they are seldom caught; for though we saw some of their teeth which were fashioned into an ornament like a bodkin, and worn by the natives at their breast, and highly valued, we saw none of their skins: there are whales also upon this coast, and though the people did not appear to have any art or instrument by which such an animal could be taken and killed, we saw patoo-patoo in the possession of some of them, which were made of the bone of a whale, or of some other animal whose bone had exactly the same appearance.

Of birds the species are not many; and of these none, except perhaps the gannet, is the same with those of Europe: here are ducks indeed, and thags of several kinds, sufficiently resembling those of Europe, to be called the same, by those who have not examined them very nicely. Here are also hawks, owls, and quails, which differ but little from those of Europe at first sight: and several small birds, whose song, as has been remarked in the course of the narrative, is much more melodious than any that we had ever heard.

The sea coast is also visited by many oceanic birds, particularly albatrosses, shearwaters, pintados, and

and a few of the birds which Sir John Narborough has called Penguins, and which indeed are what the French call *Nauce*, and seem to be a middle species between bird and fish; for their feathers, especially those upon their wings, differ very little from scales; and their wings themselves, which they use only in diving, and not to accelerate their motion even upon the surface of the water, may, perhaps, with equal propriety, be called fins.

Neither are insects in greater plenty than birds; a few butterflies and beetles, flesh flies, very like those in Europe, and some musquitos and sand flies, perhaps exactly the same with those of North-America, make up the whole catalogue. Of musquitos and sand flies, however, which are justly accounted the curse of every country where they abound, we did not see many; there were indeed a few in almost every place where we went on shore, but they gave us so little trouble, that we did not make use of the shades which we had provided for the security of our faces.

For this scarcity of animals upon the land, the sea, however, makes an abundant recompence; every creek swarming with fish, which are not only wholesome, but equally delicious with those of Europe; the ship seldom anchored in any station, or with a light gale passed any place, that did not afford us enough with hook and line to serve the whole ship's company, especially to the southward: when we lay at anchor, the boats, with hook and line, near the rocks, could take fish in any quantity; and the seine seldom failed of producing a still more ample supply; so that

both times when we anchored in Cook's Streight, every mess in the ship, that was not careless and improvident, salted as much as lasted many weeks after they went to sea. Of this article, the variety was equal to the plenty; we had mackerel of many kinds, among which, one was exactly the same as we have in England: these came in immense shoals, and were taken by the natives in their seines, who sold them to us at a very easy rate. Besides these, there were fish of many species which we had never seen before, but to all which the seamen very readily gave names; so that we talked here as familiarly of hakes, bream, cole-fish, and many others, as we do in England; and though they are by no means of the same family, it must be confessed that they do honour to the name. But the highest luxury which the sea afforded us, even in this place, was the lobster, or sea cray-fish, which are probably the same that in the account of Lord Anson's voyage, are said to have been found at the island of Juan Fernandes, except that, although large, they are not quite equal in size: they differ from ours in England in several particulars, they have a greater number of prickles on their backs, and they are red when first taken out of the water. These we also bought every where to the northward in great quantities of the natives, who catch them by diving near the shore, and finding out where they lie with their feet. We had also a fish, that Frezier, in his voyage to the Spanish main in South-America, has described by the names of *Elefant*, *Pejegallos*, or *Poison coq*, which though coarse, we eat very heartily. Several species

cies of the skate, or sting-ray, are also found here, which were still coarser than the *Elefant*; but, as an atonement, we had among many kinds of dog-fish one, spotted with white, which was in flavour exactly similar to our best skate, but much more delicious. We had also flat fish, resembling both soles and flounders, besides eels and congers of various kinds, with many others, of which those who shall hereafter visit this coast will not fail to find the advantage; and shell-fish in great variety, particularly clams, cockles, and oysters.

Among the vegetable productions of this country, the trees claim a principal place; for here are forests of vast extent, full of the straightest, the cleanest, and the largest timber trees that we had ever seen; their size, their grain, and apparent durability, render them fit for any kind of building, and indeed for every other purpose except masts; for which, as I have already observed, they are too hard, and too heavy: there is one in particular which, when we were upon the coast, was rendered conspicuous by a scarlet flower, that seemed to be a compendage of many fibres; it is about as large as an oak, and the wood is exceedingly hard and heavy, and excellently adapted to the use of the mill-wright. There is another which grows in the swamps, remarkably tall and straight, thick enough to make masts for vessels of any size, and, if a judgment may be formed by the direction of its grain, very tough: this, which, as has been before remarked, our carpenter thought to resemble the pitch pine, may probably be lightened by tapping, and it will then make the finest masts

in the world: it has a leaf not unlike a yew, and bears berries in small bunches.

Great part of the country is covered with a luxuriant verdure, and our natural historians were gratified by the novelty, if not the variety of the plants. Sow-thistle, garden night-shade, one or two kinds of grass, the same as in England, and two or three kinds of fern, like those of the West-Indies, with a few of the plants that are to be found in almost every part of the world, were all, out of about four hundred species, that have hitherto been described by any botanists, or had been seen elsewhere during the course of this voyage, except about five or six which had been gathered at Terra del Fuego.

Of eatable vegetables there are but few; our people, indeed, who had been long at sea, eat, with equal pleasure and advantage, of wild celery, and a kind of cresses, which grew in great abundance upon all parts of the sea-shore. We also, once or twice, met with a plant like what the country people in England call *Lamb's quarters*, or Fat-hen, which we boiled instead of greens; and once we had the good fortune to find a cabbage-tree, which afforded us a delicious meal; and, except the fern root, and one other vegetable, totally unknown in Europe, and which, though eaten by the natives, was extremely disagreeable to us, we found no other vegetable production that was fit for food, among those that appeared to be the wild produce of the country; and we could find but three esculant plants among those which are raised by cultivation, yams, sweet potatoes, and cocos. Of the yams and

potatoes, there are plantations consisting of many acres, and I believe that any ship which should happen to be here in the autumn, when they are dug up, might purchase them in any quantity.

Gourds are also cultivated by the natives of this place, the fruit of which furnishes them with vessels for various uses. We also found here the Chinese paper mulberry-tree, the same as that of which the inhabitants of the South-Sea islands make their cloth; but it is so scarce, that though the New-Zealanders also make cloth of it, they have not enough for any other purpose, than to wear as an ornament in the holes which they make in their ears, as I have observed before.

But among all the trees, shrubs, and plants of this country, there is not one that produces fruit, except a berry which has neither sweetness nor flavour, and which none but the boys took pains to gather, should be honoured with that appellation. There is, however, a plant which serves the inhabitants instead of hemp and flax, which excels all that are put to the same purposes in other countries. Of this plant there are two sorts; the leaves of both resemble those of flax, but the flowers are smaller, and their clusters more numerous; in one kind they are yellow, and in the other a deep red. Of the leaves of these plants, with very little preparation, they make all their common apparel; and of these they make also their strings, lines, and cordage for every purpose, which are so much stronger than any thing we can make with hemp, that they will not bear a comparison. From the same plant,

by another preparation, they draw long slender fibres which shine like silk, and are as white as snow: of these, which are also surprisingly strong, the finer clothes are made; and of the leaves, without any other preparation than splitting them into proper breadths, and tying the strips together, they make their fishing nets; some of which, as I have before remarked, are of an enormous size.

A plant, which with such advantage might be applied to so many useful and important purposes, would certainly be a great acquisition to England, where it would probably thrive with very little trouble, as it seems to be hardy, and to affect no particular soil; being found equally in hill and valley; in the driest mould, and the deepest bogs: the bog, however, it seems rather to prefer, as near such places we observed it to be larger than elsewhere.

We found great plenty of iron sand in Mercury Bay, and therefore iron ore is undoubtedly to be found at no great distance. As to other metals, we had scarcely knowledge enough of the country for conjecture.

Surprising Sea Weed in the Neighbourhood of the Streight of Le Maire; from the same.

BEfore this anchoring ground, however, lay several rocky ledges, that were covered with seaweed; but I was told that there was not less than eight and nine fathom over all of them. It will probably be thought strange, that where weeds, which grow at the bottom, appear above the surface, there

there should be this depth of water ; but the weeds which grow upon rocky ground in these countries, and which always distinguish it from sand and ooze, are of an enormous size. The leaves are four feet long, and some of the stalks, though not thicker than a man's thumb, above one hundred and twenty : Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander examined some of them, over which we sounded and had fourteen fathom, which is eighty-four feet ; and, as they made a very acute angle with the bottom, they were thought to be at least one half longer : the foot stalks were swelled into an air vessel, and Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander called this plant *Fucus giganteus*.

Some Account of the Peak of Teneriffe ; from the same.

ON Friday Sept. 23, 1768, we saw the Peak of Teneriffe, bearing W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S, and found the variation of the compass to be from $17^{\circ} 22'$ to $16^{\circ} 30'$. The height of this mountain, from which I took a new departure, has been determined by Dr. Heberden, who has been upon it, to be 15,396 feet, which is but 148 yards less than three miles, reckoning the mile at 1760 yards. Its appearance at sunset was very striking ; when the sun was below the horizon, and the rest of the island appeared of a deep black, the mountain still reflected his rays, and glowed with a warmth of colour which no painting can express. There is no eruption of visible fire from it, but a heat issues from the chinks near the top, too strong to be borne by the hand when it is held near them. We

had received from Dr. Heberden, among other favours, some salt which he collected on the top of the mountain, where it is found in large quantities, and which he supposes to be the true *natrum* or *nitrum* of the ancients : he gave us also some native sulphur exceedingly pure, which he had likewise found upon the surface in great plenty.

Of an extraordinary Fog-Bank, on the Passage from Rio de Janeiro to Port Desire ; from Commodore Byron's Voyage round the World.

ON Monday Nov. 12, 1764, about four o'clock in the afternoon, as I was walking on the quarter-deck, all the people upon the fore-castle called out at once, "Land right a-head ;" it was then very black almost round the horizon, and we had had much thunder and lightening ; I looked forward under the fore-sail, and upon the lee bow, and saw what at first appeared to be an island, rising in two rude craggy hills, but upon looking to leeward I saw land joining to it, and running a long way to the south-east : we were then steering S. W. and I sent officers to the mast-head to look out upon the weather-beam, and they called out that they saw land also a great way to the windward. I immediately brought to, and sounded ; we had still fifty-two fathom, but I thought that we were embayed, and rather wished than hoped that we should get clear before night. We made sail and steered E. S. E, the land still having the same appearance, and the hills looking blue, as they generally do at a little distance in dark rainy weather ;

weather; and now many of the people said that they saw the sea break upon the sandy beaches; but having steered out for about an hour, what we had taken for land, vanished all at once, and to our great astonishment appeared to have been a fog-bank. Though I had been almost continually at sea for seven-and-twenty years, I had never seen such a deception before; others however have been equally deceived; for the master of a ship, not long since, made oath, that he had seen an island between the west end of Ireland and Newfoundland, and even distinguished the trees that grew upon it. Yet it is certain that no such island exists, at least it could never be found, though several ships were afterwards sent out on purpose to seek it. And I am sure, that if the weather had not cleared up soon enough for us to see what we had taken for land disappear, every man on board would freely have made oath, that land had been discovered in this situation. Our latitude this day was $43^{\circ} 46'$ S., longitude $60^{\circ} 5'$ W.; and the variation $19^{\circ} 30'$ E.

Extraordinary Squall of Wind; from the same.

ON Tuesday Nov. 18, 1764. at four o'clock in the afternoon, the weather being extremely fine, the wind shifted at once to the S.W. and began to blow fresh, the sky at the same time becoming black to windward: in a few minutes all the people that were upon the deck, were alarmed with a sudden and unusual noise, like the breaking of the sea upon the shore. I ordered the topails to be handed immediately; but before it could be done,

I saw the sea approaching at some distance, in vast billows covered with foam; I called to the people to hawl up the foresail, and let go the main sheet instantly; for I was persuaded, that if we had any sail out when the gust reached us, we should either be overset, or lose all our masts. It reached us however before we could raise the main tack, and laid us upon our beam ends: the main tack was then cut, for it was become impossible to cast it off; and the main sheet struck down the first lieutenant, bruised him dreadfully, and beat out three of his teeth: the main top-sail, which was not quite handed, was split to pieces. If this squall, which came on with less warning, and more violence, than any I had ever seen, had taken us in the night, I think the ship must have been lost. When it came on we observed several hundred of birds flying before it, which expressed their terror by loud shrieks; it lasted about twenty minutes, and then gradually subsided.

Observations on the Milky Appearance of some Spots of Water in the Sea; by Capt. Newland. From the 62d Volume of the Philosophical Transactions.

[Read March 12, 1772.]

IT has been remarked by several navigators, on their passage from Mocha to Bombay, Surat, &c. that they had discovered in the night spots of water as white as milk, and could never assign any reason for it; and many have been so much alarmed, that they have immediately hove to and founded; but I never heard of any body ever getting

getting ground. In my passage across those seas in the Kelsall, I discovered all of a sudden, about eight o'clock in the evening, the water all round me as white as milk (intermixt with streaks or serpentine lines of black water.) I immediately drew a bucket of it, and carried it to the light, where it appeared just as other water; I drew several more, and found it the same: some I kept till the next morning, when I could perceive no difference from that alongside. We had run by the log 50 min. from the time we first observed it till daylight, and during all that time the water continued white as milk, but at full day-light it was of its usual colour. The next evening about seven o'clock the water appeared again as white as before; I then drew another bucket, and carried it to a very dark place, and holding my head close to the bucket could perceive, with my naked eye, an innumerable quantity of animalcules floating about alive, which enlightened that small body of water to an amazing degree. From thence I conclude that the whole mass of water must be filled with this small fish spawn or animalcules, and that this is without all doubt the reason of the water's appearing so white in the night-time. We run by the log, from the time we first saw it, till the latter part of the second night (the time we lost sight of it) about 170 miles.

[Read April 1, 1772.]

Exeter, Feb. 24, 1772.

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IN my curious rambles through the environs of this city, I have been tempted to visit the nursery of Mr. William Lucombe, of St. Thomas, on the report of a very extraordinary and new species of oak, first discovered and propagated by that ingenious gardener; and as this plant appears to me capable of proving an inestimable acquisition to this kingdom, I cannot resist the desire I feel of communicating to you some particulars relative to its history and character, taken partly from Mr. Lucombe's account of it, and my own observations. This, I know, must be most acceptable to you, who are so laboriously and laudably employed in elucidating the various improvements and advantages your country is capable of.

About seven years past, Mr. Lucombe sowed a parcel of acorns, saved from a tree of his own growth, of the iron or wainscot species; when they came up, he observed one amongst them that kept his leaves throughout the winter; struck with the phenomenon, he cherished, and paid particular attention to it, and propagated by grafting, some thousands from it, which I had the pleasure of seeing, eight days ago, in high flourishing beauty and verdure, notwithstanding the severity of the winter. Its growth is strait, and handsome as a fir, its leaves ever-green, and the wood is thought, by the best judges, in hardness and strength to exceed all other oak. He makes but one shoot in the year, viz. in May, and continues growing without interruption;

A Letter from John Zephaniah Holwel, Esq; F. R. S. to John Campbell, Esq; F. R. S. giving an Account of a new Species of Oak. From the same,

terruption ; whereas other oaks shoot twice, namely, in May and August ; but the peculiar and inestimable part of its character is, the amazing quickness of its growth, which I imagine may be attributed (in some degree at least) to its making but one shoot in the year ; for I believe all trees that shoot twice, are, for some time, at a stand before they make the second. I had the curiosity to take the dimensions of the parent tree, (seven years old) and some of the grafts ; the first measured 21 feet high, and full 20 inches in the girth ; a graft of four years old, 16 feet high, and full 14 inches in the girth ; the first he grafted is six years old, and has out-shot his parent two feet in height. The parent tree seems to promise his acorns soon, as he blossoms, and forms his foot-stalk strong, and the cup upon the foot-stalk with the appearance of the acorn, which, with a little more age, will swell to perfection. This oak is distinguished, in this county, by the title of the Lucombe oak ; his shoots, in general, are from four to five feet every year, so that he will, in the space of thirty or forty years, out-grow in altitude and girth the common oak at an hundred. In two or three days I will forward to you, in a parcel, a branch, which I cut off from the original tree, and another from the graft of four years old, also a dead branch of the iron or wainscot oak, just to shew that, from the similarity of the leaves, it is a descendant from that species, although differing from it in every other particular. I send you also, by the Exeter stage, a specimen of the wood. I have a walking-pole full five feet long, a side shoot from

one of the grafts, only one year and half old. Several gentlemen round this neighbourhood, and in the adjoining counties of Cornwall and Somerset, have planted them, and they are found to flourish in all soils.

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful friend,

and most obedient,

humble servant,

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AN accurate knowledge of the appearances in animal bodies that die of a violent death, that is, in perfect health, or in a sound state, ought to be considered as a necessary foundation, for judging of the state of the body in those that are diseased.

But as an animal body undergoes changes after death, or when dead, it has never been sufficiently considered what those changes are ; and till this be done, it is impossible we should judge accurately of the appearances in dead bodies. The diseases which the living body undergoes (mortification excepted) are always connected with the living principle, and are not in the least similar to what may be called diseases or changes in the dead body : without this knowledge, our

our judgment of the appearances in dead bodies must often be very imperfect, or very erroneous; we may see appearances which are natural, and may suppose them to have arisen from disease; we may see diseased parts, and suppose them in a natural state; and we may suppose a circumstance to have existed before death, which was really a consequence of it; or we may imagine it to be a natural change after death, when it was truly a disease of the living body. It is easy to see therefore, how a man in this state of ignorance must blunder, when he comes to connect the appearances in a dead body, with the symptoms that were observed in life: and indeed all the usefulness of opening dead bodies, depends upon the judgment and sagacity with which this sort of comparison is made.

There is a case of a mixed nature, which cannot be reckoned a process of the living body, nor of the dead; it participates of both, inasmuch as its cause arises from the living, yet cannot take effect till after death.

This shall be the object of the present paper; and, to render the subject more intelligible, it will be necessary to give some general ideas concerning the cause and effects.

An animal substance, when joined with the living principle, cannot undergo any change in its properties but as an animal; this principle always acting and preserving the substance, which it inhabits, from dissolution, and from being changed according to the natural changes, which other substances, applied to it, undergo.

There are a great many powers in nature, which the living princi-

ple does not enable the animal matter, with which it is combined, to resist, viz. the mechanical and most of the stronger chemical solvents. It renders it however capable of resisting the powers of fermentation, digestion, and perhaps several others, which are well known to act on this same matter, when deprived of the living principle, and entirely to decompose it. The number of powers, which thus act differently on the living and dead animal substance, is not ascertained: we shall take notice of two, which can only affect this substance when deprived of the living principle; which are putrefaction and digestion. Putrefaction is an effect which arises spontaneously; digestion is an effect of another principle acting upon it, and shall here be considered a little more particularly.

Animals, or parts of animals, possessed of the living principle, when taken into the stomach, are not the least affected by the powers of that viscus, so long as the animal principle remains; thence it is that we find animals of various kinds living in the stomach, or even hatched and bred there: but the moment that any of those lose the living principle, they become subject to the digestive powers of the stomach. If it were possible for a man's hand, for example, to be introduced into the stomach of a living animal, and kept there for some considerable time, it would be found, that the dissolvent powers of the stomach could have no effect upon it; but if the same hand were separated from the body, and introduced into the same stomach, we should then find that the stomach would immediately act upon it.

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Indeed, if this were not the case, we should find that the stomach itself ought to have been made of indigestible materials; for, if the living principle was not capable of preserving animal substances from undergoing that process, the stomach itself would be digested.

But we find on the contrary, that the stomach, which at one instant, that is, while possessed of the living principle, was capable of resisting the digestive powers which it contained, the next moment, viz. when deprived of the living principle, is itself capable of being digested, either by the digestive powers of other stomachs, or by the remains of that power which it had of digesting other things.

From these observations, we are led to account for an appearance which we find often in the stomachs of dead bodies; and at the same time they throw a considerable light upon the nature of digestion. The appearance which has been hinted at, is a dissolution of the stomach at its great extremity; in consequence of which, there is frequently a considerable aperture made in that *viscus*. The edges of this opening appear to be half dissolved, very much like that kind of dissolution which fleshy parts undergo when half digested in a living stomach, or when dissolved by a caustic alkali, viz. pulpy, tender, and ragged.

In these cases the contents of the stomach are generally found loose in the cavity of the *abdomen*, about the spleen and diaphragm. In many subjects this digestive power extends much further than through the stomach. I have often found, that after it had dissolved the stomach at the usual place, the con-

tents of the stomach had come into contact with the spleen and diaphragm, had partly dissolved the adjacent side of the spleen, and had dissolved the diaphragm quite through; so that the contents of the stomach were found in the cavity of the *thorax*, and had even affected the lungs in a small degree.

There are very few dead bodies, in which the stomach is not, at its great end, in some degree digested; and one who is acquainted with dissections, can easily trace the gradations from the smallest to the greatest.

To be sensible of this effect, nothing more is necessary, than to compare the inner surface of the great end of the stomach, with any other part of the inner surface; what is found, will appear soft, spongy, and granulated, and without distinct blood-vessels, opaque and thick; while the other will appear smooth, thin, and more transparent; and the vessels will be seen ramifying in its substance, and upon squeezing the blood which they contain from the larger branches to the smaller, it will be found to pass out at the digested ends of the vessels, and appear like drops on the inner surface.

These appearances I had often seen, and I do suppose that they had been seen by others; but I was at a loss to account for them; at first, I supposed them to have been produced during life, and was therefore disposed to look upon them as the cause of death; but I never found that they had any connection with the symptoms: and I was still more at a loss to account for these appearances, when I found that they were most frequent in
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those who died of violent deaths, which made me suspect, that the true cause was not even imagined *.

At this time I was making many experiments upon digestion, on different animals, all of which were killed, at different times, after being fed with different kinds of food; some of them were not opened immediately after death, and in some of them I found the appearances above described in the stomach. For, pursuing the enquiry about digestion, I got the stomachs of a vast variety of fish, which all die of violent deaths, and all may be said to die in perfect health, and with their stomach commonly full; in these animals we see the progress of digestion most distinctly; for as they swallow their food whole, that is, without mastication, and swallow fish that are much larger than the digesting part of the stomach can contain, (the shape of the fish swallowed being very favourable for this enquiry) we find in many instances, that the part of the swallowed fish which is lodged in the digesting part of the stomach is more or less dissolved, while that part which remains in the *œsophagus* is perfectly sound.

And in many of these I found, that this digesting part of the stomach, was itself reduced to the same dissolved state as the digested part of the food.

Being employed upon this subject, and therefore enabled to account more readily for appearances which had any connection with it, and observing that the half-dissolved parts of the stomach, &c. were similar to the half-digested food, it immediately struck me, that it was from the process of digestion going on after death, that the stomach, being dead, was no longer capable of resisting the powers of that menstruum, which itself had formed for the digestion of its contents; with this idea, I set about making experiments to produce these appearances at pleasure, which would have taught us how long the animal ought to live after feeding, and how long it should remain after death before it is opened; and above all, to find out the method of producing the greatest digestive power in the living stomach: but this pursuit led me into an unbounded field.

These appearances throw considerable light on the principles of

* The first time that I had occasion to observe this appearance in such as died of violence and suddenly, and in whom therefore I could not easily suppose it to be the effect of disease in the living body, was in a man who had his skull fractured and was killed outright by one blow of a poker. Just before this accident, he had been in perfect health, and had taken a hearty supper of cold meat, cheese, bread, and ale. Upon opening the *abdomen*, I found that the stomach, though it still contained a good deal, was dissolved at its great end, and a considerable part of these its contents lay loose in the general cavity of the belly. This appearance puzzled me very much. The second time was at St. George's-Hospital, in a man who died a few hours after receiving a blow on his head, which fractured his skull likewise. From those two cases, among other conjectures about so strange an appearance, I began to suspect that it might be peculiar to cases of fractured skulls; and therefore, whenever I had an opportunity, I examined the stomach in every person who died of that accident; but I found many of them which had not this appearance. Afterwards I met with it in a soldier who had been hanged.

Digestion;

digestion; they shew that it is not mechanical power, nor contractions of the stomach, nor heat, but something secreted in the coats of the stomach, which is thrown into its cavity, and there animalises the food*, or assimilates it to the nature of the blood. The power of this juice is confined or limited to certain substances, especially of the vegetable and animal kingdoms; and although this menstruum is capable of acting independently of the stomach, yet it is obliged to that *viscus* for its continuance.

Of the Climate at Naples, and of the Sirocc, or South-east Wind; from Mr. Brydone's Tour, &c.

WE have been waiting with impatience for a fair wind, but at present there is little prospect of it. The weather is exceedingly rough, and not a ship has been able to get out of the harbour for upwards of three weeks past. This climate is by no means what we expected to find it; and the serene sky of Italy, so much boasted of by our travelled gentlemen, does not altogether deserve the great elogiums bestowed upon it. It is now the middle of May, and we have not as yet had any continuance of what may be called fine weather. It has, indeed, been abundantly warm, but seldom a day has passed without sudden storms of wind and rain, which renders walking out here to the full as dangerous to our invalids, as it is in England.

* In all the animals, whether carnivorous or not, upon which I made observations or experiments to discover whether or not there was an acid in the stomach, (and I tried this in a great variety,) I constantly found that there was an acid, but not a strong one, in the juices contained in that *viscus* in a natural state.

I am persuaded that our medical people are under great mistakes with regard to this climate. It is certainly one of the warmest in Italy; but it is as certainly one of the most inconstant; and from what we have observed, generally disagrees with the greatest part of our valetudinarians; but more particularly with the gouty people, who all found themselves better at Rome; which though much colder in winter, is, I believe, a healthier climate. Naples to be sure is more eligible in summer, as the air is constantly refreshed often by the sea breeze, when Rome is scorched by the most insupportable heat. Last summer, Fahrenheit's thermometer never rose higher at Naples than 76. At Rome it was at 89. The difference is often still more considerable. In winter it is not less remarkable. Here, our greatest degree of cold was in the end of January; the thermometer stood at 36; at Rome it fell to 27; so that the distance of the two extremes of heat and cold last year at Naples, was only 40 degrees; whereas at Rome it was no less than 62. Yet, by all accounts, their winter was much more agreeable and healthy than ours: for they had clear frosty weather, whilst we were deluged with perpetual rains, accompanied with exceeding high wind. The people here assure us, that in some seasons it has rained constantly every day for six or seven weeks. But the most disagreeable part of the Neapolitan climate is the *sirocc* or south-east wind, which is very

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common at this season of the year : it is infinitely more relaxing, and gives the vapours in a much stronger degree, than the worst of our rainy Novembers. It has now blown for these seven days without intermission ; and has indeed blown away all our gaiety and spirits ; and if it continues much longer, I do not know what may be the consequence. It gives a degree of lassitude, both to body and mind, that renders them absolutely incapable of performing their usual functions. It is not very surprizing, that it should produce these effects on a phlegmatic English constitution ; but we have just now an instance, that all the mercury of France must sink under the load of this horrid, leaden atmosphere. A smart Parisian marquis came here about ten days ago : he was so full of animal spirits that the people thought him mad. He never remained a moment in the same place ; but, at their grave conversations, he used to skip about from room to room with such amazing elasticity, that the Italians swore he had got springs in his shoes. I met him this morning, walking with the step of a philosopher ; a smelling bottle in his hand, and all his vivacity extinguished. I asked him what was the matter ? “ Ah ! mon ami,” said he, “ je m’ennui à la mort ; — moi, qui n’ai jamais sçu l’ennui. Mais cet execrable vent m’accable ; et deux jours de plus, et je me pend.”

The natives themselves do not suffer less than strangers ; and all nature seems to languish during this abominable wind. A Neapolitan lover avoids his mistress with the utmost care in the time of

the firocc, and the indolence it inspires, is almost sufficient to extinguish every passion. All works of genius are laid aside, during its continuance ;—and when any thing very flat or insipid is produced, the strongest phrase of disapprobation they can bestow is, “ Era scritto “ in tempo del firocco ;” that it was writ in the time of the firocc.

I have been endeavouring to get some account of this very singular wind, but the people here never think of accounting for any thing ; and I do not find, notwithstanding its remarkable effects, that it has ever yet been an object of enquiry amongst them. I applied to a celebrated physician (who, from talking a jargon of his own, has attained to a degree of reputation, of which we found him extremely unworthy.) He told me, he had discovered that it was owing to a certain occult quality in the air, which hardly any body knew except himself ; that, as for the rest, they e’en let it blow, and never thought more about the matter — Here he burst out into a loud laugh ; and this is positively all that I could make out of him.

I have not observed that the firocc makes any remarkable change in the barometer. When it first set in, the mercury fell about a line and a half ; and has continued much about the same height ever since ; but the thermometer was at 43 the morning it began, and rose almost immediately to 65 ; and for these two days past it has been at 70 and 71. However, it is certainly not the warmth of this wind, that renders it so oppressive to the spirits ; it is rather the want of that genial quality, which is so enlivening ; and which ever renders

the western breeze so agreeable : the spring and elasticity of the air seems to be lost ; and that active principle that animates all nature, appears to be dead. This principle we have sometimes supposed to be nothing else than the subtle electric fluid that the air usually contains ; and indeed, we have found, that during this wind, it appears to be almost totally annihilated, or at least, its activity is exceedingly reduced. Yesterday, and to-day, we have been attempting to make some electrical experiments ; but I never before found the air so extremely unfavourable for them.

Sea-bathing we have ever found to be the best antidote against the effects of the sirocco ; and this we certainly enjoy in the greatest possible perfection. Lord Fortrose, who is the soul of our colony here, has provided a large commodious boat for this purpose. We meet every morning at eight o'clock, and row about half a mile out to sea, where we strip and dash into the water :—Were it not for this, we should all of us have been as bad as the French marquis. My lord has ten watermen, who are in reality a sort of amphibious animals, as they live one half the summer in the sea. Three or four of these generally go in with us, to pick up stragglers, and secure us from all accidents : they dive with ease to the depth of forty, and sometimes of fifty feet ; and bring up quantities of excellent shell-fish during the summer months ; but so great is their devotion, that every time they dive they make a sign of the cross, and mutter an Ave Maria, without which they think they should certainly be drowned ; and

were not a little scandalized at us for omitting this ceremony.

Of the prodigious Chestnut-Trees on Mount Etna, with some other curious Particulars ; from the same.

WE left the Cattania road on the left, and began to ascend the mountain, in order to visit the celebrated tree, known by the name of *Il Castagno de Cento Cavalli* (The chestnut tree of an hundred horse ;) which for some centuries past has been looked upon as one of the greatest wonders of Etna. We were likewise determined (if possible) to gain the summit of the mountain by this side, and to descend by the side of Cattania ; but we were soon convinced of the impossibility of this, and obliged, though with a good deal of reluctance, to relinquish that part of our scheme.

The distance from Giardini to Piedmonte is only ten miles, but as the road is exceedingly rough and difficult, it took us near four hours to travel it. The barometer, which at Giardini (on the sea side) stood at 29 inches, 10 lines, had now fallen to 27 : 3. Farenheit's thermometer (made by Adams in London) 73 degrees.

From this place, it is not less than five or six miles to the great chestnut trees, through forests growing out of the lava, in several places almost impassable. Of these trees there are many of an enormous size ; but the *Castagno de Cento Cavalli* is by much the most celebrated. I have even found it marked in an old map of Sicily, published near an hundred years ago ; and in all the maps of Etna, and its environs,

it makes a very conspicuous figure. I own I was by no means struck with its appearance, as it does not seem to be one tree, but a bush of five large trees growing together. We complained to our guides of the imposition; when they unanimously assured us, that by the universal tradition and even testimony of the country, all these were once united in one stem; that their grandfathers remembered this, when it was looked upon as the glory of the forest, and visited from all quarters; that for many years past it had been reduced to the venerable ruin we beheld. We began to examine it with more attention, and found that there is an appearance that these five trees were really once united in one. The opening in the middle is at present prodigious; and it does indeed require faith to believe, that so vast a space was once occupied by solid timber.—But there is no appearance of bark on the inside of any of the stumps, nor on the sides that are opposite to one another. Mr. Glover and I measured it separately, and brought it exactly to the same size; viz. 204 feet round. If this was once united in one solid stem, it must with justice indeed have been looked upon as a very wonderful phenomenon in the vegetable world, and was deservedly stiled, the glory of the forest.

I have since been told by the Cannonico Recupero, an ingenious ecclesiastic of this place, that he was at the expence of carrying up peasants with tools to dig round the Castagno de Cento Cavalli, and

he assures me, upon his honour, that he found all these stems united below ground in one root. I alleged that so extraordinary an object must have been celebrated by many of their writers.—He told me that it had, and produced several examples; Philoteo, Carrera, and some others. Carrera begs to be excused from telling its dimensions; but he says, he is sure there was wood enough in that one tree to build a large palace. Their poet Bagolini too has celebrated a tree of the same kind, perhaps the same tree*; and Massa, one of their most esteemed authors, says he has seen solid oaks upwards of 40 feet round; but adds, that the size of the chesnut trees was beyond belief, the hollow of one of which, he says, contained 300 sheep; and 30 people had often been in it on horseback. I shall not pretend to say, that this is the same tree he means; or whether it ever was one tree or not. There are many others that are well deserving the curiosity of travellers. One of these, about a mile and a half higher on the mountain, is called *Il Castagno del Galea*; it rises from one solid stem to a considerable height, after which it branches out, and is a much finer object than the other. I measured it about two feet from the ground; it was 76 feet round. There is a third called *Il Castagno del Nave*, that is pretty nearly of the same size. All these grow on a thick rich soil, formed originally, I believe, of ashes thrown out by the mountain.

The climate here is much more

* Supremos inter montes monstrosior omni
Monstrum factum stipitis Etna dedit.

Castaneam genuit, cujus modo concava cortex

Turmam equitum haud parvum continet, atque greges, &c.

temperate than in the first region of Etna, where the excessive heats must ever prevent a very luxuriant vegetation. I found the barometer had now fallen to $26 : 5\frac{1}{2}$; which announces an elevation of very near 4000 feet; equivalent in the opinion of some of the French academicians, to 18 or 20 degrees of latitude in the formation of a climate.

The vast quantity of nitre contained in the ashes of Etna, probably contributes greatly to increase the luxuriance of this vegetation; and the air too, strongly impregnated with it from the smoke of the volcano, must create a constant supply of this salt, termed by some, not without reason, the food of vegetables.

There is a house built in the inside of the great chestnut tree for holding the fruit it bears, which is still very considerable; here we dined with excellent appetite, and being thoroughly convinced, that it was in vain to attempt getting up the mountain on that side, we began to descend; and after a very fatiguing journey over old lavas, now become fertile fields and rich vineyards, we arrived about sunset at *Jaci Reale*, where, with the utmost difficulty, we at last got lodging in a convent of Dominicans.

The last lava we crossed before our arrival there, is of a vast extent. I thought we never should have had done with it; it certainly is not less than six or seven miles broad, and appears in many places to be of an enormous depth.

When we came near the sea, I was desirous to see what form it had assumed in meeting with the water. I went to examine it, and found it had drove back the waves

for upwards of a mile, and had formed a large black high promontory, where before it was deep water. This lava, I imagined, from its barrenness, for it is as yet covered with a very scanty soil, had run from the mountain but a few ages ago; but was surprised to be informed by Signor Recupero, the historiographer of Etna, that this very lava is mentioned by Diodorus Siculus to have burst from Etna in the time of the second Punic war, when Syracuse was besieged by the Romans. A detachment was sent from Taurominum to the relief of the besieged. They were stopped on their march by this stream of lava, which had reached the sea before their arrival at the foot of the mountain, and entirely cut off their passage; and obliged them to return by the back of Etna, upwards of 100 miles about. His authority for this, he tells me, was taken from inscriptions on Roman monuments found on this lava, and that it was likewise well ascertained by many of the old Sicilian authors. Now as this is about 2000 years ago, one would have imagined, if lavas have a regular progress in becoming fertile fields, that this must long ago have become at least arable: this however is not the case, and it is as yet only covered with a very scanty vegetation, being incapable either of producing corn or vines. There are indeed pretty large trees growing in the crevices, which are full of a very rich earth; but in all probability it will be some hundred years yet, before there is enough of this to render it of any use to the proprietors.

In the lowest part of the first region of Etna, the harvest is almost over;

over; but in the upper parts of the same region, near the confines of the Regione Sylvosa, it will not begin yet for several weeks.

As Recupero, who is a facetious and an agreeable companion, was kind enough to sit a good deal with me during my confinement, I have gathered many remarks from his conversation, that may perhaps be worthy of your attention.

The variety of waters about Etna, he tells me, is altogether astonishing. I have already mentioned the Fiume Freddo, or the river of Acis: Recupero confirms what I had been told of it. There is a lake on the north of the mountain, of about three miles in circumference, which receives several considerable rivers; yet, although there is no apparent outlet, it never overflows its banks. I suggested that there might probably be a subterraneous communication betwixt this and the Fiume Freddo. He said there was no resemblance in the quality of their waters; however, I think it is probable, that in the course of so many miles, through the caverns of Etna, full of salts and of minerals, it may both acquire its cold and its vitriolic qualities.

There is another lake on the top of a mountain to the west of Etna, the bottom of which could never be found. It is observed never either to rise or fall, but always preserves the same level. It is undoubtedly the crater of that mountain (which is all of burnt matter) converted into a lake. The river which supplies the baths of Catania is of a very different nature: it never continues the same, but is perpetually changing. Its current is for the most part confined under

ground by the lavas; but sometimes it bursts out with such violence that the city has suffered greatly from it; and what is still more unfortunate, these eruptions are generally followed by some epidemical distemper. It has now been constantly diminishing for these two years past, and is at present almost reduced to nothing. They are in perpetual dread of its breaking out, and laying waste their fields, as it has so often done before. What is exceedingly singular, it generally bursts out after a long tract of the driest and warmest weather. The Etnean academy have never been able to account for this singular phenomenon. I think it is most probable that it arises from the melting of the snows on Etna, but I shall not pretend to say how. These, perhaps, overflowing the caverns that usually receive their water, the surplus is carried off into this river.

The river of Alcantara certainly takes its rise from the melting of these snows. Its waters, I observed, are exactly of the same whitish colour as all the rivers are, that run from the Glaciers amongst the Alps. There are several periodical springs on Etna, that flow only during the day, and stop during the night. These too, are naturally and easily accounted for from the melting of the snows; for they melt only during the day, being hard froze every night, even in the hottest season. There are likewise a variety of poisonous springs, some of so deadly a quality, that birds and beasts have often been found lying dead on their banks, from having drank of their water. But (what is perhaps still more singular) Recupero told me, that about twenty years

ago, there opened a rent in the mountain, that for a considerable time sent forth so strong a vapour, that like the lake Avernus, birds were absolutely suffocated in flying over it.

There are many caverns where the air is so excessively cold, that it is impossible to support it for any time. These the peasants make use of as reservoirs for the snow; and indeed they make the finest ice-houses in the world, preserving it hard froze during the hottest summers. It would be endless to give an account of all the caverns, and other singular phænomena about Etna. Kircher speaks of one which he saw, capable, he says, of containing 30,000 men. Here, he adds, numbers of people have been lost from their temerity in going too far. One of these caverns still retains the name of Proserpine, from its being supposed by the ancients, that it was by this entry that Pluto conveyed her into his dominions; on which occasion Ovid describes Ceres, as searching for her daughter, with two trees which she had plucked from the mountain, by way of torches. These trees he calls Teda, which is still the name of a tree, I have never seen any where but on mount Etna. It produces great quantities of a kind of rosin, and was the very properest tree Ceres could have pitched upon for her purpose. This rosin is called *Catalana*, and is esteemed a cure for sores.

Observations with the Barometer, to ascertain the height of Mount Etna; from the same.

WE took care to regulate two barometers at the foot of

the mountain. One of which was left with the Canonico Recupero, and the other we carried along with us. That which we left, Recupero assures us, had no sensible variation during our absence. We both left it, and found it at 29 inches 8 lines and a half, English measure. On our arrival at Cattania, we found the one we had carried up with us exactly at the same point.

I have likewise a very good quick-silver thermometer, which I borrowed from the Neapolitan philosopher, the Padre della Torre, who furnished us with letters for this place, and would have accompanied us, if he could have obtained leave of the king. It is made by Adams at London, and (as I myself proved) exactly graduated from the two points of freezing and boiling water. It is according to Fahrenheit's scale. I shall mark the heights in the different regions of Etna, with the rules for estimating the elevation of mountains by the barometer, which, I am sorry to say, are so very ill ascertained. Cassini, Boguer, and the others who have writ on the subject, to the reproach of science, differing so much amongst themselves, that it is with difficulty we can come near the truth.

Etna has been often measured; but I believe never with any degree of accuracy; and it is really a shame to the academy established in this place, called the Etnean academy, whose original intention was to study the nature and properties of this astonishing mountain. It was my full intention to have measured it geometrically; but I am sorry to say, although this is both the seat of an academy and univer-

university, there was no such thing as a quadrant to be had. It is the mountain I have ever seen that would be the easiest to measure, and with the greatest certainty, and perhaps the properest place on the globe to establish an exact rule of mensuration by the barometer. There is a beach of a vast extent, that begins exactly at the foot of the mountain, and runs for a great many miles along the coast. The sea-mark of this beach forms the meridian to the summit of the mountain. Here you are sure of a perfect level, and may make the base of your triangle of what length you please. But unfortunately this mensuration has never been made, at least with any tolerable degree of precision.

Kircher pretends to have measured it, and to have found it 4000 French toises; which is much more than any of the Andes, or indeed than any mountain upon earth. The Italian mathematicians are still more absurd. Some of them make it eight miles, some six, and some four. Amici, the last, and I believe the most accurate that ever attempted it, brings it to three miles, 264 paces; but even this must be exceedingly erroneous; and probably the height of Etna does not exceed 12000 feet, or little more than two miles. I shall mark the different methods of determining heights by the barometer; and you may chuse which you please. I believe the allowance in all of them, particularly in great elevations, where the air is exceedingly thin and light, is vastly too small. Mikeli, whose mensurations are esteemed more exact, has ever found it so. Cassini allows, I think, ten French toises of eleva-

tion, for every line of mercury, adding one foot to the first ten, two to the second, three to the third, and so on: but surely the weight of the air diminishes in a much greater proportion.

Boguer takes the difference of the logarithms of the height of the barometer in lines (supposing these logarithms to consist only of five figures); from this difference he takes away a 30th part, and what remains he supposes to be the difference of elevation. I own I do not recollect his reason for this supposition; but the rule seems to be still more erroneous than the other, and has been entirely laid aside. I am told, that accurate experiments have been made at Geneva, to establish the mensuration with the barometer; but I have not as yet been able to procure them. Mr. de la Hire allows twelve toises, four feet for the line of mercury: and Picart, probably the most exact of all the French academicians, fourteen toises, or about ninety English feet. The palpable difference amongst these philosophers, must ever be a reproach to science.

Height of Farenheit's Thermometer.

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| At Cattania, May 26, at mid-day - - - | 76 |
| Ditto, May 27, at five in the morning - - | 72 |
| At Nicolosi, 12 miles up the mountain, mid-day | 73 |
| At the cave, called Speculona del Capriole, in the second region, where there was still a considerable quantity of snow, at seven at night - | 61 |
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| In the same cave at half an hour past eleven | 52 |
| At the Torre del Filosofo, in the third region, at three in the morning | 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| At the foot of the crater of Etna | 33 |
| About half way up the crater | 29 |
| On the summit of Etna, a little before sun-rise | 27 |
| Height of the barometer in inches and lines, | |
| At the sea-side at Cattania | 29 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| At the village of Piedmonte, in the first region of Etna | 27 8 |
| At Nicolosi, in the same region | 27 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| At the Castagno de Cento Cavalli, in the second region | 26 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| At the Spelonca del Capriole, in the second region | 24 2 |
| At the Torre del Filosofo, in the third region | 20 5 |
| At the foot of the crater | 20 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Within about 300 yards of the summit | 19 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| At the summit of Etna (supposed to be about) | 19 4 |

The wind at the summit was so violent that I could not make the observation with perfect exactness; however, I am pretty certain that it is within half a line.

I own I had no conception of this immense height of mount Etna. I had heard it asserted that it was higher than any of the Alps, but I never gave credit to it:—How great then was my astonishment to find that the mercury fell almost

two inches lower than I had ever observed it on the very highest of the accessible Alps; at the same time I am persuaded there are many inaccessible points of the Alps, (particularly the Mont Blanc) that are still much higher than Etna.

I found the magnetical needle greatly agitated near the summit of the mountain; (the Padre della Torre told me, he had made the same observation on Vesuvius) however, it always fixed at the point of north, though it took longer time in fixing than below. But what Recupero told me happened to him, was very singular.—Soon after the eruption 1755, he placed his compass on the lava. The needle, he says, to his great astonishment, was agitated with much violence for some considerable time, till at last it entirely lost its magnetical power, standing indiscriminately at every point of the compass; and this it never after recovered, till it was again touched with the loadstone.

Account of a surprizing Diver at Messina; from the same.

WE used to admire the dexterity of some of the divers at Naples. when they went to the depth of forty-eight or fifty feet, and could not conceive how a man could remain three minutes below water without drawing breath; but these are nothing to the feats of one Colas, a native of this place, who is said to have lived for several days in the sea, without coming to land; and from thence got the surname of Pesce, or the fish. Some of the Sicilian authors affirm, that he caught fish merely by his agility

agility in the water; and the credulous Kircher asserts, that he could walk across the Straits at the bottom of the sea. Be that as it will, he was so much celebrated for swimming and diving, that one of their kings (Frederick) came on purpose to see him perform; which royal visit proved fatal to poor Pesce; for the king, after admiring his wonderful force and agility, had the cruelty to propose his diving near the gulph of Charybdis; and to tempt him the more, threw in a large golden cup, which was to

be his prize should he bring it up, Pesce made two attempts, and astonished the spectators by the time he remained under water; but in the third, it is thought he was caught by the whirlpool, for he never appeared more; and his body is said to have been found some time afterwards near Jauro-minum (about thirty miles distant) it having ever been observed, that what is swallowed up by Charybdis is carried south by the current, and thrown out upon that coast,

USEFUL PROJECTS.

An Account of the Discovery of the Manner of making Isinglass in Russia; with a particular Description of its Manufacture in England, from the Produce of British Fisheries. In a Letter from Humphrey Jackson, Esq; F. R. S. to William Watson, M. D. F. R. S. From the 63d Volume of the Philosophical Transactions, Part I.

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ALL authors, who have hitherto delivered processes for making ichthyocolla, fish-glue or isinglass, have greatly mistaken both its constituent matter and preparation.

To prove this assertion, it may not be improper to recite what Pomet says upon the subject, as he appears to be the principal author whom the rest have copied *. After describing the fish, and referring to a cut engraved from an original in his custody, he says: “As to
“ the manner of making the isin-
“ glass, the finewy parts of the
“ fish are boiled in water, till all

“ of them be dissolved that will
“ dissolve; then the gluey liquor
“ is strained, and set to cool. Be-
“ ing cold, the fat is carefully
“ taken off, and the liquor itself
“ boiled to a just consistency, then
“ cut to pieces, and made into a
“ twist, bent in form of a crescent,
“ as commonly sold, then hung
“ upon a string, and carefully
“ dried.”

From this account, it might be rationally concluded, that every species of fish which contained gelatinous principles would yield isinglass: and this parity of reasoning seems to have given rise to the hasty conclusions of those, who strenuously vouch for the extraction of isinglass from sturgeon; but as that fish is easily procurable, the negligence of ascertaining the fact by experiment seems inexcusable.

Every traveller, as well as author, who mentions isinglass, observes, that it is made from certain fish found in the Danube, and rivers of Muscovy. Willughby and others inform us, that it is made of the sound of the † Beluga; Caspar

* See Pomet's History of Drugs, and Caspar Neuman's Chemistry, English translations. Hist. Materiæ Medicæ, Vogel. Lewis's Materia Medica. Dossie's Institutes of Chemistry.

† Vide Specimen Histor. Nat. Volg. Auctore J. R. Forster, Philosophical Transactions 1767.

Newman, that it is made of the *Huso Germanorum*, and other fish, which he has seen frequently sold in the public markets of Vienna. These circumstances make it appear the more extraordinary, that a perfect account of the manufacture of such an essential article of commerce, should remain so long unrevealed.

In my first attempt to discover the constituent parts and manufacture of isinglass, relying too much upon the authority of some chemical authors, whose veracity I had experienced in many other instances, I found myself constantly disappointed. Glue, not isinglass, was the result of every process; and although, in the same view, a journey to Russia proved fruitless, yet a steady perseverance in the research proved not only successful as to this object, but, in the pursuit to discover a resinous matter plentifully procureable in the * British fisheries, which has been found, by ample experience, to answer similar purposes. It is now no longer a secret that our † lakes and rivers in North-America are stocked with immense quantities of fish, said to be the same species with those in Muscovy, and yielding the finest isinglass, the fisheries whereof, under due encouragement, would doubtless supply all Europe with this valuable article.

But to return, no artificial heat

is necessary to the production of isinglass, neither is the matter dissolved for this purpose; for, as the continuity of its fibres would be destroyed by solution, the mass would become brittle in drying, and snap short asunder, which is always the case with glue, but never with isinglass. The latter, indeed, may be resolved into glue with boiling water, but its fibrous recombination would be found impracticable afterwards, and a fibrous texture is one of the most distinguishing characteristics of genuine isinglass. The reproduction of leather might, with equal reason, be attempted from the former.

A due consideration that an imperfect solution of isinglass, called *fining* by the brewers, possessed a peculiar property of clarifying malt liquors, induced me to attempt its analysis in cold subacid menstrua. One ounce and an half of good isinglass, steeped a few days in one gallon of stale beer, was converted into good *fining*, of a remarkable thick consistence: the same quantity of glue, under similar treatment, yielded only a mucilaginous liquor, resembling diluted gum-water, which, instead of clarifying beer, increased both its tenacity and turbidness, and communicated other properties in no respect corresponding with those of genuine *fining*. On commixing three spoon-

* Upwards of forty tons of British isinglass have been manufactured and consumed since this discovery was first made.

† As the lakes of North-America lie nearly in the same latitude with the Caspian Sea, particularly Lake Superior, which is said to be of greater extent, it was conjectured they might abound with the same sorts of fish, and, in consequence of public advertisements distributed in various parts of North-America, offering premiums for the sounds of sturgeon, and other fish, for the purpose of making isinglass, several specimens of fine isinglass, the produce of fish taken in these parts, have been lately sent to England, with proper attestations as to the unlimited quantity which may be procured.

fuls with a gallon of malt liquor, in a tall cylindrical glass, a vast number of curdly masses became presently formed, by the reciprocal attraction of the particles of isinglass, and the feculencies of the beer, which, increasing in magnitude and specific gravity, arranged themselves accordingly, and fell in a combined state to the bottom, through the well-known laws of gravitation; for, in this case, there is no elective attraction, as some have imagined, which bears the least affinity with what frequently occurs in chemical decompositions.

These phenomena are adduced here as correlative proofs of the impracticability of making isinglass by the previous reduction of the finewy parts of fish into jelly; and it seems evident, that the clarifying action of isinglass depends principally upon a crude minute division, not solution of its parts, which is still farther confirmed, by diluting a few drops of fining with fair water in a glass; for thus the slender filaments become conspicuous to the eye, especially when assisted with a double convex lens; but these immediately disappear on an addition of hot water.

As the general processes for making isinglass appear from hence illusive and erroneous, the long-concealed principles of its manufacture into the various common forms and shapes, become more obvious and comprehensive. If what is com-

mercially termed long or short-stapled isinglass be steeped a few hours in fair cold water, the entwisted membranes will expand, and reassume their original beautiful* hue, and, by a dexterous address, may be perfectly unfolded. By this simple operation, we find that isinglass is nothing more than certain membranous parts of fishes, divested of their native mucosity, rolled and twisted into the forms abovementioned, and dried in the open air.

The sounds, or air-bladders of fresh-water fish, in general, are preferred for this purpose, as being the most transparent, flexible, delicate substances. These constitute the finest sorts of isinglass; those called book and ordinary staple, are made of the intestines, and probably of the peritonæum, of the fish. The Beluga yields the greatest quantity, as being the largest and most plentiful fish in the Muscovy rivers; but the sounds of all fresh-water fish yield, more or less, fine isinglass, particularly the smaller sorts, found in prodigious quantities in the Caspian Sea, and several hundred miles beyond Astracan, in the Wolga, Yaik, Don, and even as far as Siberia, where it is called *kla* or *kla* by the natives, which implies a glutinous matter; it is the basis of the Russian glue, which is preferred to all other kinds for its strength.

The anatomy and † uses of the sound in fish, seems not yet ad-

* If the fine transparent isinglass be held in certain positions to the light, it frequently exhibits beautiful prismatic colours.

† Fishermen have a dexterous art in perforating the sound of fresh-taken cod fish with a needle, in order to disengage the inclosed air. Without this operation, the fish could not be kept under water in the well-beat, consequently could not live; but if by accident the operator wounds an artery, the fish presently dies, through the discharge of blood, to the loss of the proprietor, who thus can seldom bring it sweet to market.

justed by ichthyologists. I have not met with a genuine description of its situation and figure, in any author. A modern writer* will have it to be the mesentery of the fish; but the celebrated Gouan, the latest, and perhaps the most accurate author on ichthyology, gives a more satisfactory and comprehensive account of it, under the title of † *La Vescule Aérienne*. Yet, if the identity of the air-bladder, and what, in English, is called sound, be admitted, which seems particularly ascertained in a certain genus, viz. the *Asellus* of Willughby, or *Gadus* of Artedi, his description is a little erroneous with respect to its termination near the *Vesica urinaria*; for in cod and ling, the continuation of the sound, or air-bladder, may be easily traced from thence to the last *vertebra* adjoining the tail.

The sounds, which yield the finer isinglass, consist of parallel fibres, and are easily rent longitudinally; but the ordinary sorts are found composed of double membranes, whose fibres cross each other obliquely, resembling the coats of a bladder; hence the former are more readily pervaded and divided with subacid liquors; but the latter, through a peculiar kind of interwoven texture, are with great

difficulty torn asunder, and long resist the power of the same menstruum; yet, when duly resolved, are found to act with equal energy in clarifying liquors.

Isinglass receives its different shapes in the following manner.

The parts, of which it is composed, particularly the sounds, are taken from the fish while sweet and fresh, slit open, washed from their slimy *sordes*, divested of every thin membrane which envelopes the sound, and then exposed to stiffen a little in the air. In this state, they are formed into rolls about the thickness of a finger, and in length according to the intended size of the staple: a thin membrane is generally selected for the centre of the roll, round which the rest are folded alternately, and about half an inch of each extremity of the roll is turned inwards. The due dimensions being thus obtained, the two ends of what is called short-staple are pinned together with a small wooden peg; the middle of the roll is then pressed a little downwards, which gives it the resemblance of a heart shape, and thus it is laid on boards, or hung up in the air to dry. The sounds, which compose the long-staple, are larger than the former; but the operator lengthens this sort at pleasure, by

* Dossie, in Memoirs of Agriculture.

† La Vésicule aérienne est un sac membraneux composé de deux ou trois envelopes, qui se separent facilement, & rempli d'air, à la faveur duquel les poissons se soutiennent dans l'eau. Il est pour l'ordinaire situé en long, enfermé dans le peritoine, placé entre les vertebres & l'estomac. Sa longueur dépend de la capacité du bas ventre, & de la grandeur du poisson: il est tantôt cylindrique, elliptique, ové ou renversé, tantôt à deux lobes & à deux loges, tantôt à trois lobes & à trois loges, &c. dans les males il descend presque jusqu'à la region de la vessie urinaire.

Cette Vésicule est attachée avec l'estomac, avec l'esophage, sans le diaphragme, tantôt par le côté tantôt par le pointe & s'y abbouche par un conduit pneumatique. Gouan, Histoire des Poissons.

interfolding the ends of one or more pieces of the sound with each other. The extremities are fastened with a peg, like the former; but the middle part of the roll is bent more considerably downwards; and, in order to preserve the shape of the three obtuse angles thus formed, a piece of round stick, about a quarter of an inch diameter, is fastened in each angle with small wooden pegs, in the same manner as the ends. In this state, it is permitted to dry long enough to retain its form, when the pegs and sticks are taken out, and the drying completed; lastly, the pieces of isinglass are colligated in rows, by running packthread through the peg-holes, for convenience of package and exportation.

The membranes of the book sort, being thick and refractory, will not admit a similar formation with the preceding: the pieces therefore, after their sides are folded inwardly, are bent in the center, in such manner that the opposite sides resemble the cover of a book, from whence its name; a peg being run across the middle, fastens the sides together, and thus it is dried like the former. This sort is interleaved, and the pegs run across the ends, the better to prevent its unfolding.

That called cake isinglass, is formed of the bits and fragments of the staple sorts, put into a flat metalline pan, with a very little water, and heated just enough to make the parts cohere like a pancake, when it is dried; but frequently it is overheated, and such pieces, as before observed, are useless in the business of fining. Experience has taught the consumers to reject them.

Isinglass is best made in the summer, as frost gives it a disagreeable colour, deprives it of weight, and impairs its gelatinous principles; its fashionable forms are unnecessary, and frequently injurious to its native qualities. It is common to find oily putrid matter and *exuvia* of insects, between the implicated membranes, which, through the inattention of the cellarman, often contaminate wines and malt liquors in the act of clarification. These peculiar shapes might, probably, be introduced originally with a view to conceal and disguise the real substance of isinglass, and preserve the monopoly, but, as the mask is now taken off, it cannot be doubted to answer every purpose more effectually in its native state, without any subsequent manufacture whatever, especially to the principal consumers, who hence will be enabled to procure sufficient supply from the British colonies. Until this laudable end can be fully accomplished, and as a species of isinglass, more easily produceable from the marine fisheries, may probably be more immediately encouraged, it may be manufactured as follows:

The sounds of cod and ling bear great analogy with those of the *acipenser* genus of Linnæus and Artdi, and are in general so well known, as to require no particular description. The Newfoundland and Iceland fishermen split open the fish, as soon as taken, and throw the back-bones, with the sounds annexed, in a heap; but, previous to incipient putrefaction, the sounds are cut out, washed from their slimes, and salted for use. In cutting out the sounds, the intercostal parts are left behind, which
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are much the best; the Iceland fishermen are so sensible of this, that they beat the bone upon a block with a thick stick, till the pockets, as they term them, come out easily, and thus preserve the sound entire. If the sounds have been cured with salt, that must be dissolved by steeping them in water, before they are prepared for isinglass; the fresh sound must then be laid upon a block of wood, whose surface is a little elliptical, to the end of which a small hair brush is nailed, and with a saw-knife, the membranes on each side of the sound must be scraped off. The knife is rubbed upon the brush occasionally, to clear its teeth; the pockets are cut open with scissars, and perfectly cleansed of the mucous matter with a coarse cloth; the sounds are afterwards washed a few minutes in lime-water, in order to absorb their oily principle, and lastly in clear water. They are then laid upon nets, to dry in the air; but, if intended to resemble foreign isinglass, the sounds of cod will only admit of that called book, but those of ling both shapes. The thicker the sounds are, the better the isinglass, colour excepted; but that is immaterial to the brewer, who is its chief consumer.

This isinglass resolves into fining, like the other sorts, in subacid liquors, as stale beer, cyder, old hock, &c. and in equal quantities produces similar effects upon turbid liquors, except that it falls speedier and closer to the bottom of the vessel, as may be demonstrated in tall cylindrical glasses; but foreign isinglass retains the consistency of fining preferably in warm weather, owing to the greater tenacity of its native mucilage.

Vegetable acids are, in every respect, best adapted to fining: the mineral acids are too corrosive, and even insalubrious in common beverage.

It is remarkable that, during the conversion of isinglass into fining, the acidity of the menstruum seems greatly diminished, at least to taste, not on account of any alkaline property in the isinglass, probably, but by its enveloping the acid particles. It is likewise reducible into jelly with alkaline liquors, which indeed are solvents of all animal matters; even cold lime-water dissolves it into a pulpy *magma*. Notwithstanding this is inadmissible as fining, on account of the menstruum, it produces an admirable effect in other respects: for, on commixture with compositions of plaster, lime, &c. for ornamenting walls exposed to vicissitudes of weather, it adds firmness and permanency to the cement; and if common brick-mortar be worked up with this jelly, it soon becomes almost as hard as the brick itself: but, for this purpose, it is more commodiously prepared, by dissolving it in cold water, acidulated with vitriolic acid; in which case, the acid quits the jelly, and forms with the lime a *selenitic* mass, while, at the same time, the jelly being deprived, in some measure, of its moisture, through the formation of an indissoluble concrete amongst its parts, soon dries, and hardens into a firm body; whence its superior strength and durability are easily comprehended.

It has long been a prevalent opinion, that sturgeon, on account of its cartilaginous nature, would yield great quantities of isinglass; but, on examination, no part of this

this fish, except the inner coat of the sound, promised the least success. This being full of *rugæ*, adheres so firmly to the external membrane, which is useless, that the labour of separating them supercedes the advantage. The intestines, however, which in the larger fish extend several yards in length, being cleansed from their mucus, and dried, were found surprizingly strong and elastic, resembling cords made with the intestines of other animals, commonly called cat-gut, and, from some trials, promised superior advantages, when applied to mechanic operations.

Having now sufficiently revealed the principal *arcana* in the manufacture of isinglass, and explained some of its least known phænomena and properties, the farther prosecution thereof, as a commercial business, is left to others, whose future inquiries into the subject, it is hoped, will, in some respect, be anticipated through this narrative; but whatever success may attend the attempt, I flatter myself to stand acquitted, in having contributed every thing in my power to its advancement and perfection.

On the Preparation, Culture, and Use of the Orchis-Root; from the Second Volume of Essays Medical and Experimental, lately published by Thomas Percival, M.D. F.R.S. and S.A.

SALEP is a preparation of the root of Orchis, or Dogstones, of which many species are enumerated by botanical writers. The Orchis mascula, Linn. sp. pl. is the most valued, although the roots of some of the palmated sorts, parti-

cularly of the Orchis latifolia, are found to answer almost equally well. This plant flourishes in various parts of Europe and Asia, and grows in our country spontaneously, and in great abundance. It is assiduously cultivated in the East, and the root of it forms a considerable part of the diet of the inhabitants of Turkey, Persia, and Syria. A dry, and not very fertile soil, is best adapted to its growth. An ingenious friend of mine, in order to collect the seed, transplanted a number of the Orchises into a meadow, where he had prepared a bed well manured for their reception. The next spring few of them appeared, and not one came to maturity, their roots being black and half rotten. The same gentleman informed me, that he had never been able to raise any plant from the seed of the wild Orchis; but he ascribes his want of success to the wetness of the situation in which he resides. I have now before me a seed-pod of the Orchis, the contents of which, to the naked eye, seem to be seed corrupted and turned to dust, but when viewed through a microscope, appear evidently to be organized, and would, I doubt not, with proper culture, germinate, and produce a thriving crop of plants. The properest time for gathering the roots, is when the seed is formed, and the stalk is ready to fall, because the new bulb, of which the salep is made, is then arrived to its full maturity, and may be distinguished from the old one, by a white bud rising from the top of it, which is the germ of the Orchis of the succeeding year.

Several methods of preparing salep, have been proposed and practised. Geoffroy has delivered a very

very judicious process for this purpose, in the *Histoire de l'Academie Royale des Sciences*, 1740; and Retzius, in the Swedish Transactions, 1764, has improved Geoffroy's method: but Mr. Moulton, of Rochdale, has lately favoured the public with a new manner of curing the Orchis-root; and as I have seen many specimens of his salep, at least equal, if not superior, to any brought from the Levant, I can recommend the following, which is his process, from my own knowledge of its success. The new root is to be washed in water, and the fine brown skin which covers it is to be separated by means of a small brush, or by dipping the root in hot water, and rubbing it with a coarse linen cloth. When a sufficient number of roots have been thus cleaned, they are to be spread on a tin plate, and placed in an oven heated to the usual degree, where they are to remain six or ten minutes; in which time they will have lost their milky whiteness, and acquired a transparency like horn, without any diminution of bulk. Being arrived at this state, they are to be removed, in order to dry and harden in the air, which will require several days to effect; or, by using a very gentle heat, they may be finished in a few hours*.

Salep thus prepared, may be afforded in that part of England, where labour bears a high value, at about eight-pence or ten-pence per pound. And it might be sold still cheaper, if the Orchis were to

be cured, without separating from it the brown skin which covers it; a troublesome part of the process, and which does not contribute to render the root either more palatable or salutary: whereas the foreign salep is now sold at five or six shillings per pound.

The culture of the Orchis, therefore, is an object highly deserving of encouragement, from all the lovers of agriculture; and as the root, if introduced into common use, would furnish a cheap, wholesome, and most nutritious article of diet, the growth of it would be sufficiently profitable to the farmer.

Salep is said to contain the greatest quantity of vegetable nourishment in the smallest bulk. Hence a very judicious writer, to prevent the dreadful calamity of famine at sea, has lately proposed, that the powder of it should constitute part of the provisions of every ship's company. This powder and portable soup, dissolved in boiling water, form a rich thick jelly, capable of supporting life for a considerable length of time. An ounce of each of these articles, with two quarts of boiling water, will be sufficient subsistence for a man a day†; and, as being a mixture of animal and vegetable food, must prove more nourishing than double the quantity of rice cake; made by boiling rice in water; this last, however, sailors are often obliged solely to subsist upon for several months, especially in voyages to

* Vide a letter from Mr. John Moulton to the author, containing a new method of preparing salep. *Annual Register*, Vol. XIII. p. 108.

† Portable soup is sold at half-a-crown a pound; salep, if cultivated in our own country, might be afforded at ten-pence per pound. The day's subsistence would therefore amount only to two-pence-halfpenny.

Guinea, when the bread and flour are exhausted, and the beef and pork, having been salted in hot countries, are become unfit for use *.

But, as a wholesome nourishment, rice is much inferior to salep. I digested several alimentary mixtures prepared of mutton and water, beat up with bread, sea-biscuit, salep, rice, flour, sago powder, potatoe, old cheese, &c. in a heat equal to that of the human body. In forty-eight hours they had all acquired a vinous smell, and were in brisk fermentation, except the mixture with rice, which did not emit many air bubbles, and was but little changed. The third day several of the mixtures were sweet, and continued to ferment; others had lost their intestine motion, and were sour; but the one which contained the rice was become putrid. From this experiment it appears that rice, as an aliment, is slow of fermentation, and a very weak corrector of putrefaction. It is, therefore, an improper diet for hospital patients; but more particularly for sailors, in long voyages, because it is incapable of preventing, and will not contribute much to check the progress of that fatal disease, the sea-scurvy †. Under certain circumstances rice seems disposed of itself, without mixture, to become putrid; for, by long

keeping, it sometimes acquires an offensive foetor: nor can it be considered as a very nutritive kind of food, on account of its difficult solubility in the stomach. Experience confirms the truth of this conclusion; for it is observed by the planters in the West-Indies, that the negroes grow thin, and are less able to work, whilst they subsist upon rice.

Salep has the singular property of concealing the taste of salt-water ‡; a circumstance of the highest importance at sea, where there is a scarcity of fresh water. I dissolved a drachm and an half of common salt, in a pint of the mucilage of salep, so liquid as to be potable, and the same quantity in a pint of spring-water. The salep was by no means disagreeable to the taste, but the water was rendered extremely unpalatable.

This experiment suggested to me the trial of the Orchis-root as a corrector of acidity; a property which would render it a very useful diet for children: but the solution of it, when mixed with vinegar, seemed only to dilute, like an equal proportion of water, and not to cover its sharpness.

Salep, however, appears by my experiments to retard the acetous fermentation of milk, and, consequently, would be a good lithing for milk-pottage, especially in large

* Vid. Dr. Lind's Appendix to his Essay on the Diseases of Hot Climates.

† Cheese is now become a considerable part of ship provisions. When mellowed by age, it ferments readily with flesh and water, but separates a rancid oil, which seems incapable of any further change, and must, as a septic, be pernicious in the scurvy: for rancidity appears to be a species of putrefaction. The same objection may be urged, with still greater propriety, against the use of cheese in hospitals; because convalescents are so liable to relapses, that the slightest error of diet may occasion them. Vide Percival's letter to Aikin. Thoughts on Hospitals, p. 95.

‡ Vide Dr. Lind's Appendix.

towns, where the cattle being fed upon four draft, must yield acedcent milk.

Salep in a certain proportion, which I have not yet been able to ascertain, would be a very useful and profitable addition to bread. I directed one ounce of the powder to be dissolved in a quart of water, and the mucilage to be mixed with a sufficient quantity of flour, salt, and yeast. The flour amounted to two pounds, the yeast to two ounces, and the salt to eighty grains. The flour when baked was remarkably well fermented, and weighed three pounds two ounces. Another loaf, made with the same quantity of flour, &c. weighed two pounds and twelve ounces; from which it appears, that the salep, though used in so small a proportion, increased the gravity of the loaf six ounces, by absorbing and retaining more water than the flour alone was capable of. Half a pound of flour, and an ounce of salep were mixed together, and the water added according to the usual method of preparing bread. The loaf, when baked, weighed thirteen ounces and an half; and would probably have been heavier, if the salep had been previously dissolved in about a pint of water. But it should be remarked, that the quantity of flour

used in this trial, was not sufficient to conceal the peculiar taste of the salep.

The restorative, mucilaginous, and demulcent qualities of the Orchis-root, render it of considerable use in various diseases. In the sea-scurvy it powerfully obtunds the acrimony of the fluids, and at the same time is easily assimilated into a mild and nutritious chyle. In diarrhoeas, and the dysentery, it is highly serviceable, by sheathing the internal coat of the intestines, by abating irritation, and gently correcting putrefaction. In the symptomatic fever, which arises from the absorption of pus, from ulcers in the lungs, from wounds, or from amputation, salep used plentifully, is an admirable demulcent, and well adapted to resist that dissolution of the *crasis* of the blood, which is so evident in these cases. And by the same mucilaginous quality, it is equally efficacious in the stranguary, and dysury; especially in the latter, when arising from a venereal cause, because the discharge of urine is then attended with the most exquisite pain, from the ulcerations about the neck of the bladder, and through the course of the *urethra*. I have found it also an useful aliment for patients who labour under the stone or gravel*.

* The ancient chemists seem to have entertained a very high opinion of the virtues of the Orchis-root, of which the following quotation from the *Secretæ Secretorum* of Raymund Lully affords a diverting proof. The work is dated 1565.

SEXTA HERBA, Satirion. “ Satirion herba est pluribus nota, hujus radicis collecta ad pondus lib. 4. die 20. mensis Januarii, contunde fortiter, & massam contusam pone in ollam de aurichalcum habentem in cooperculo 20 foramina minuta sicut athomi, & pone intus cum prædicta messe lactis vaccini calidi sicut mulgetur de vacca lb. 3. & mellis libram 1. vini aromatici lb. 2. & repone per dies 20. ad solem & conserve & utere.”

“ Istius itaq; dosis ad pondus 3, 4. & hora diei decima exhibita mulieri post ipsius menstrua eadem nocte concipiet si vir cum ea agat.”

From these observations, short and imperfect as they are, I hope it will sufficiently appear, that the culture of the Orchis-root is an object of considerable importance to the public, and highly worthy of encouragement from all the patrons of agriculture. That taste for experiment, which characterises the present age, and which has so amazingly enlarged the boundaries of science, now animates the rational farmer, who fears not to deviate from the beaten track, whenever improvements are suggested, or useful projects are pointed out to him. Much has been already done for the advancement of agriculture; but the earth still teems with treasures, which remain to be explored. The bounties of Nature are inexhaustible, and will for ever employ the art, and reward the industry, of man.

Abstract of a Memoir, now publishing at Paris and the Hague, on the Causes of sudden and violent Death; wherein it is proved, that those who fall Victims to it may be recovered. By M. Janin, of the Royal College of Surgery at Paris.

THE reflexions contained in this memoir, are those of a good citizen, an intelligent naturalist, and an attentive observer, who, perceiving the great analogy between the drowned person, who dies for want of being able to breathe, and one strangled, be the cause what it may, would have the like helps administered to the latter, which experience had found of service to the other. As facts are more striking than speculative reasoning, I shall cite an example of a

child stifled, which M. Janin had brought to life.

A nurse, he tells us, had the misfortune to stifle in his bed her nurse-child. Her husband ran to acquaint him of their melancholy situation, and there was not a moment to lose, as the man could not inform him at what time the child died. Arriving, he found the little victim in its cradle, without any signs of life, no pulsation in the arteries, no respiration, the face livid, the eyes open, dull, and tarnished, the nose full of snivel, the mouth gaping; in short, he was almost cold. Whilst some linen cloths and a parcel of ashes were warming, he had him unswathed, and laid him in a very warm bed, and on the side. He then was rubbed all over with very fine linen, for fear of fretting his tender and delicate skin. As soon as the ashes had received their due degree of heat, M. Janin buried him in them, except the face, placing him on the side opposite to that he had been at first laid, and covered him with a blanket. He happened to have a bottle of eau-de-luce in his pocket, which he presented to his nose from time to time, and between whiles, some puffs of tobacco were blown up his nostrils. To these succeeded the blowing into his mouth, and squeezing tight his nose. Animal heat began thus to be excited gradually; the pulsations of the temporal artery were soon felt; breathing became more frequent and free, and the eyes closed and opened alternately. At length the child fetched some cries expressive of his want of the breast, which being applied to his mouth, he caught at it with avidity, and sucked as if nothing had happened to him. An

attention and care, which scarce lasted above half an hour, was sufficient for calling back to life this poor innocent. Though the pulsations of the arteries were very well re-established, and it was hot weather, the child was still left three quarters of an hour under the ashes. He was afterwards taken out, cleaned, and dressed as usual, and, a gentle sleep succeeding, no further accident happened to him. The child remains still full of life and vigour. M. Janin adds, that it would be difficult to paint the despair and consternation the poor nurse appeared in, when he entered the house, and much more the excess of joy she delivered herself up to, on seeing her nurse-child brought to life. How delicious were the tears she then shed! They succeeded to tears of bitterness and grief!

The author cites likewise an example of a young man, who had hanged himself through despair, and to whom he administered help as effectual as the preceding. These examples prove evidently the possibility of bringing back to life, not only drowned persons, but those also that may be stifled and hanged. This should, therefore, make us conceive the best hopes of the success of administering help to persons struck with sudden death, or by any other accident. M. Janin admits but two general causes which may deprive us of life. The first, the perversion, or total putridity of the humours; the second, the destruction of some one of the viscera, or principal organs, or a great hurt in these parts; or lastly, the embarrassment, or obstruction they may be under from some acting

cause. The author hence concludes, that, as often as one of these causes takes place, it is not possible to restore breath again to a man who has lost the play of the organs of respiration; and, in consequence of this principle, it is easy to conceive what a number of unfortunate persons must have fallen victims to the precipitation of burying them. Amongst the historical facts relative hereto, contained in this memoir, the author has not omitted to relate the melancholy end of the Cardinal Spínola, who had contracted an illness from some occasions given him of vexation. He falls into a fainting fit, was thought dead, and his people were in haste to have him opened, in order to be embalmed. His lungs were scarce laid open, when it was perceived, that his heart did beat, and the unfortunate man, come to himself, had strength enough left to stretch forth his hand towards the surgeon's scalpel that dissected him, and to push it back. But it was rather too late; he had received the mortal blow.

How many other similar facts are there, quite shocking to humanity, which must accuse us of neglect in seconding the resources of nature? M. Janin's memoir is very capable of exciting our attention in this respect, for extending the helps he has successfully projected for the drowned, by making them applicable to those in whom the vital motion is stopped by indigestions, fainting fits, or any restraint or obstruction in the organs of respiration. This benefit procured to society, is the greatest reward the author expects from his researches and labours.

A Letter from Mr. Christopher Gullet, to Matthew Maty, M. D. Sec. R. S. on the Effects of Elder, in preserving growing Plants from insects and Flies.

[Read May 14, 1771.]

Tavistock (Devon),

S I R,

Aug. 11, 1771.

I Should not presume to trouble you, as a member of the Royal Society, with the following letter, did not the subject seem to promise to be of great public utility. It relates to the effects of elder ;

Sambucus fructu in umbella nigro.

1st. In preserving cabbage plants from being eaten or damaged by caterpillars.

2d. In preventing blights, and their effects on fruit and other trees.

3d. In the preservation of crops of wheat from the yellows, and other destructive insects,

4. Also in saving crops of turnips from the fly, &c. &c.

1st. I was led to my first experiments, by considering how disagreeable and offensive to our olfactory nerves the effluvia emitted by a brush of green elder-leaves are, and from thence, reasoning how much more so they must be to those of a butterfly, whom I considered as being as much superior to us in delicacy, as inferior in size. Accordingly I took some twigs of young elder, and with them whipt the cabbage plants well, but so gently as not to hurt them, just as the butterflies first appeared ; from which time, for these two summers, though the butterflies would hover

and flutter round them like gnomes and sylphs, yet I could never see one pitch, nor was there I believe a single caterpillar blown, after the plants were so whipt ; though an adjoining bud was infested as usual.

2d. Reflecting on the effects abovementioned, and considering blights as chiefly and generally occasioned by small flies, and minute insects, whose organs are proportionably finer than the former, I whipt the limbs of a wall plumb-tree, as high as I could reach ; the leaves of which were preserved green, flourishing, and unhurt, whilst those not six inches higher, and from thence upwards, were blighted, shrivelled up, and full of worms. Some of these last I afterwards restored by whipping with, and tying up, elder among them. It must be noted, that this tree was in full blossom at the time of whipping, which was much too late, as it should have been done once or twice before the blossom appeared. But I conclude from the whole, that if an infusion of elder was made in a tub of water, so that the water might be strongly impregnated therewith, and then sprinkled over the tree, by a hand engine, once every week or fortnight, it would effectually answer every purpose that could be wished, without any possible risk of hurting the blossoms or fruit.

3. What the farmers call the yellows in wheat, and which they consider as a kind of mildew, is in fact, as I have no doubt but you well know, occasioned by a small yellow fly with blue wings, about the size of a gnat. This blows in the ear of the corn, and produces a worm, almost invisible to the naked eye ; but being seen through a pocket

pocket microscope, it appears a large yellow maggot, of the colour and gloss of amber, and is so prolific, that I last week distinctly counted forty-one living yellow maggots or insects, in the husk of one single grain of wheat; a number sufficient to eat up and destroy the corn in a whole ear. I intended to have tried the following experiment sooner; but the dry hot weather bringing on the corn faster than was expected, it was got, and getting into fine blossoms, ere I had an opportunity of ordering as I did; but however, the next morning at day-break, two servants took two bushes of elder, and went one on each side of the ridge from end to end, and so back again, drawing the elder over the ears of corn of such fields as were not too far advanced in blossoming. I conceived, that the disagreeable effluvia of the elder, would effectually prevent those flies from pitching their tents in so noxious a situation; nor was I disappointed, for I am firmly persuaded, that no flies pitched or blowed on the corn after it had been so struck. But I had the mortification of observing the flies (the evening before it was struck) already on the corn, (six, seven, or eight, on a single ear) so that what damage hath accrued, was done before the operation took place; for, on examining it last week, I found the corn which had been struck, pretty free of the yellows; very much more so than what was not struck. I have, therefore, no doubt but that, had the operation been performed sooner, the corn would have remained totally clear and untouched. If so, simple as the process is, I flatter myself, it bids fair to preserve fine crops of corn

from destruction, as the small insects are the crops greatest enemy. One of those yellow flies laid at least eight or ten eggs, of an oblong shape, on my thumb, only while carrying by the wing across three or four ridges, as appeared on viewing it with a pocket microscope.

4th. Crops of turnips are frequently destroyed, when young, by being bitten by some insects, either flies or fleas; this I flatter myself may be effectually prevented, by having an elder-bush spread so as to cover about the breadth of a ridge, and drawn once forward and backward by a man over the young turnips. I am confirmed in this idea, by having struck an elder-bush over a bed of young collyflower plants, which had begun to be bitten, and would otherwise have been destroyed by those insects; but after that operation it remained untouched.

In support of my opinion, I beg leave to mention the following fact from very credible information, that about eight or nine years ago this county was so infested with cock-chaffers, or oakwebs, that in many parishes they eat every green thing, but elder; nor left a green leaf untouched besides elder-bushes, which alone remained green and unhurt, amid the general devastation of so voracious a multitude. On reflecting on these several circumstances, a thought suggested itself to me, whether an elder, now esteemed noxious and offensive, may not be one day seen planted with, and entwisting its branches among, fruit trees, in order to preserve the fruit from destruction of insects: and whether the same means which produced these

these several effects, may not be extended to a great variety of other cases, in the preservation of the vegetable kingdom.

The dwarf elder (*ebulus*), I apprehend emits more offensive effluvia than common elder, therefore must be preferable to it in the several experiments.

On mentioning lately to Sir Richard W. Bampfylde, one of the representatives of this county, my observations on the corn crops, and the effects of the elder, &c. he persuaded me to publish them, which in some measure determined my taking this step, of transmitting them to a Society incorporated for promoting the knowledge of natural things, and useful experiments, in which they have so happily and amply succeeded, to the unspeakable advantage and improvement both of the old and new world. I have the honour to subscribe myself,

SIR,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

CHR. GULLETT.

An approved Method of washing old Paintings, and giving them a good Gloss.

TAKE an ounce of tartar, and as much glass-wort; boil them in a pint of water till it is half wasted, and then strain it. When it has stood till it becomes only lukewarm, dip a sponge therein, and rub the prints with it. Then immediately wash it with warm clear water, and wipe it over gently till dry. To varnish them, take whites of eggs, beat them to a froth, and lay them on the pictures with a feather.

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Of the Saxon and Norman Architecture; from the Preface to Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales.

MOST of the writers who mention our ancient buildings, particularly the religious ones, notwithstanding the striking difference in the styles of their construction, class them all under the common denomination of Gothic: a general appellation by them applied to all buildings not exactly conformable to some one of the five orders of architecture. Our modern antiquaries more accurately divide them into Saxon, Norman, and Saracenic; or that species vulgarly, though improperly, called Gothic.

An opinion has long prevailed, chiefly countenanced by Mr. Somner, that the Saxon churches were mostly built with timber; and that the few they had of stone, consisted only of upright walls, without pillars or arches; the construction of which, it is pretended, they were intirely ignorant of. Mr. Somner seems to have founded his opinion on the authority of Stowe, and a disputable interpretation of

some words in King Edgar's charter*; "Meaning no more, as I apprehend," says Mr. Bentham, in his Curious Remarks on Saxon Churches, "than that the churches and monasteries were in general so much decayed, that the roofs were uncovered, or bare to the timber; and the beams rotted by neglect, and overgrown with moss." It is true, that Bede, and others, speak of churches built with timber; but these appear to have been only temporary erections, hastily run up for the present exigency; and for the other position, that the Saxons had neither arches nor pillars in their buildings, it is not only contradicted by the testimony of several cotemporary or very ancient writers, who expressly mention them both, but also by the remains of some edifices universally allowed to be of Saxon workmanship; one of them the ancient conventual church at Ely.

The writers here alluded to, are Alcuin, an ecclesiastic, who lived in the eighth century; and in a poem, entitled, *De Pontificibus et Ecclesiæ Ebor*, published by Dr. Gale, A. D. 1691; describes the church of St. Peter at York; which

* "Cuxæ velut musciyis scindulis cariosisque tabulis, tigno tenus visibiliter diruta."

he himself, in conjunction with Eanbald, had assisted Archbishop Albert to rebuild. In this poem he particularizes, by name, both columns and arches *.

The author of the description of the abby of Ramsay in Huntingdonshire, which was founded A. D. 974, by Ailwood, styled alderman of all England, assisted therein by Oswald, bishop of Worcester; in that account names both arches and columns.

Richard, Prior of Hexam, who flourished about the year 1180, and left a description of that church, part of which was standing in his time, though built by Wilfrid, anno 674; he likewise speaks of arches, and columns with their capitals richly ornamented.

Many more authorities might

be cited, was not the matter sufficiently clear. Indeed, it is highly improbable, that the Saxons could be ignorant of, so useful a contrivance as the arch: many of them, built by the Romans, they must have had before their eyes; some of which have reached our days: two particularly are now remaining in Canterbury only; one in the castle-yard, the other at Riding Gate. And it is not to be believed, that once knowing them, and their convenience, they would neglect to make use of them; or having used, would relinquish them: besides, as it appears, from undoubted authorities, they procured workmen from the continent †, to construct their capital buildings, “according to the Roman manner.” This alone would

* We have been obliged, from their length, to omit many of the notes and quotations, for which we must refer the curious to the original work.

† Cum centoribus Ædde et Eona, et cementariis, omnisque pene artis ministerio in regionem suam revertens, cum regula Benedicti instituta ecclesiarum Dei bene melioravit. *Edii vit. S. Wilfridi, cap. 14. Bedæ Hist. Ecc. lib. iv. cap. 2.*—De Roma quoque, et Italia, et Francia, et de aliis terris ubicumque invenire poterat, cæmentarios, et quoslibet alios industrios artifices secum retinuerat, et ad opera sua faciendâ secum in Angliam adduxerat. *Rich. Prior Hagulst. lib. 1. cap. 5.*

St. Peter's church, in the monastery of Weremouth, in the neighbourhood of Gyrwi, was built by the famous Benedict Biscopius, in the year 675. This abbot went over into France, to engage workmen to build his church after the Roman manner, (as it is called by Bede in his History of Weremuth) and brought them over for that purpose: he prosecuted this work with extraordinary zeal and diligence; inasmuch, that, within the compass of the year, after the foundations were laid, he caused the roof to be put on, and divine service to be performed in it. Afterwards, when the building was near finished, he sent over to France for artificers skilled in the mystery of making glass, (an art till that time unknown to the inhabitants of Britain) to glaze the windows, both of the porticos, and the principal parts of the church; which work they not only executed, but taught the English nation that most useful art. *Bentham's History of Ely, p. 21.*

What Bede here affirms of the abbot Benedict, that he first introduced the art of making glass in this kingdom, is by no means inconsistent with Eddius's account of Bishop Wilfrid's glazing the windows of St. Peter's church at York, about the year 669, i. e. seven or eight years before this time; for glass might have

would be sufficient to confute that that ill-grounded opinion ; and at the same time proves, that what we commonly call Saxon, is in reality Roman architecture.

This was the style of building practised all over Europe ; and it continued to be used by the Normans, after their arrival here, till the introduction of what is called the Gothic, which was not till about the end of the reign of Henry the Second ; so that there seems to be little or no grounds for a distinction between the Saxon and Norman architecture. Indeed, it is said, the buildings of the latter were of larger dimensions, both in height and area ; and they were constructed with a stone brought from Caen in Normandy, of which their workmen were peculiarly fond : but this was simply an alteration in the scale and materials, and not in the manner of the building. The ancient parts of most of our cathedrals are of this early Norman work.

The characteristic marks of this style are these. The walls are very thick, generally without buttresses ; the arches, both within and without, as well as those over the doors and windows, semicircular, and supported by very solid, or rather clumsy columns, with a kind of regular base and capital : in short, plainness and solidity constitute the striking features of this method of

building. Nevertheless, the architects of those days sometimes deviated from this rule : their capitals were adorned with carvings of foliage, and even animals ; and their massive columns decorated with small half columns united to them ; grooves cut spirally winding round them, or overspread with a kind of lozenge net-work. An instance of the second may be seen in the Undercroft, at Canterbury ; the two last occur at Durham : but the most beautiful specimens of this work are to be met with in the ruined choir at Orford in Suffolk. Their arches too, though generally plain, sometimes came in for more than their share of ornaments ; particularly those over the chief doors ; some of these were overloaded with a profusion of carving. It would be impossible to describe the different ornaments there crowded together ; which seem to be more the extemporaneous product of a grotesque imagination, than the result of any particular design. On some of these arches is commonly over the key-stone represented God the Father, or our Saviour surrounded with angels ; and below a melange of foliage, animals, often ludicrous, and sometimes even indecent subjects. Partly of this sort is the great door at Barfreston Church in Kent.

The idea of these artists seems to have been, that the greater num-

have been imported from abroad by Wilfred. But Benedict first brought over the artists, who taught the Saxons the art of making glass.—That the windows in churches were usually glazed in that age abroad, as well as in these parts, we learn from Bede ; who, speaking of the church on Mount Olivet, about a mile from Jerusalem, says, “ In the west front of it were eight windows, “ which, on some occasions, used to be illuminated with lamps ; which shone “ so bright through the glass, that the mount seemed in a blaze,” *Bede lib. de Locis Sanctis, cap. 6.*

ber of small and dissimilar subjects they could there assemble, the more beautiful they rendered their work. It is not however to be denied, that the extreme richness of these inferior parts, served, by their striking contrast, to set off the venerable plainness of the rest of the building; a circumstance wanting in the Gothic structures; which being equally ornamented all over, fatigue and distract, rather than gratify the eye. I would not here be understood to assert, that all the Saxon ornamented arches were devoid of beauty and taste; on the contrary, there are several wherein both are displayed, particularly in some belonging to the church of Ely. Besides the ornaments here mentioned, which seem always to have been left to the fancy of the sculptor, they had others, which were in common use, and are more regular. Most of them are mentioned by Mr. Bentham, in his ingenious preface to the History of Ely*.

About the time of Alfred pro-

bably, but certainly in the reign of Edgar, high towers and cross aisles were first introduced; the Saxon churches till then being only square, or oblong buildings, generally turned semicircularly at the east end. Towers at first scarcely rose higher than the roof; being intended chiefly as a kind of lantern, for the admittance of light. An addition to their height was in all likelihood suggested on the more common use of bells; which, though mentioned in some of our monasteries in the seventh century, were not in use in churches till near the middle of the tenth.

To what country, or people, the style of architecture called Gothic, owes its origin, is by no means satisfactorily determined†. It is indeed generally conjectured to be of Arabian extraction, and to have been introduced into Europe by some persons returning from the Crusades in the Holy Land. Sir Christopher Wren was of that opinion; and it has been subscribed to by most writers who have treated

* Our readers will find the passage here alluded to, in our last Vol. p. 130.

† The style of building with pointed arches is modern, and seems not to have been known in the world, till the Goths ceased to make a figure in it.—Sir Christopher Wren thought this should rather be called the Saracenic way of building.—The first appearance of it here, was indeed in the time of the Crusades; and that might induce him to think the archetype was brought hither by some who had been engaged in those expeditions, when they returned from the Holy Land. But the observations of several learned travellers, who have accurately surveyed the antient mode of building in those parts of the world, do by no means favour that opinion, or discover the least traces of it. Indeed, I have not yet met with any satisfactory account of the origin of pointed arches; when invented, or where first taken notice of. Some have imagined they might possibly have taken their rise from those arcades we see in the early Norman or Saxon buildings, on walls, where the wide semicircular arches cross and intersect each other, and form at their intersection, a narrow and sharp pointed arch. In the wall south of the choir, at St. Cross, is a facing of such wide round interlaced arches, by way of ornament to a flat vacant space; only so much of it as lies between the legs of the two neighbouring arches, where they cross each other, is pierced through the fabric, and forms a little range of sharp pointed windows; it is of King Stephen's time; whether they were originally pierced, I cannot learn. *Bentham.*

on this subject. If the supposition is well grounded, it seems likely that many ancient buildings of this kind, or at least their remains, would be found in those countries from whence it is said to have been brought; parts of which have at different times been visited by several curious travellers, many of whom have made designs of what they thought most remarkable. Whether they overlooked or neglected these buildings, as being in search of those of more remote antiquity, or whether none existed, seems doubtful. Cornelius le Brun, an indefatigable and inquisitive traveller, has published many views of eastern buildings, particularly about the Holy Land: in all these, only one Gothic ruin, the church near Acre, and a few pointed arches, occur; and those built by the christians, when in possession of the country. Near Ispahan, in Persia, he gives several buildings with pointed arches; but these are bridges and caravanseras, whose age cannot be ascertained; consequently, are as likely to have been built after as before the introduction of this style into Europe.

At Ispahan itself, the Mey-doen, or Grand Market-place, is surrounded by divers magnificent Gothic buildings; particularly the Royal Mosque, and the Talael Ali-kapie, or Theatre. The magnificent bridge of Alla-werdie-chan, over the river Zenderoet, 540 paces long, and seventeen broad, having thirty-three pointed arches, is also a Gothic structure: but no mention is made when or by whom these were built. The Chiaer Baeg, a royal garden, is decorated with Gothic buildings; but these were, it is said, built only in the reign

of Scha Abbas, who died anno 1629.

One building indeed, at first seems as if it would corroborate this assertion, and that the time when it was erected, might be in some degree fixed: it is the tomb of Abdalla, one of the apostles of Mahomet, probably him surnamed Abu Becr. If this tomb is supposed to have been built soon after his death, estimating that event to have happened according to the common course of nature, it will place its erection about the middle of the seventh century: but this is by far too conjectural to be much depended on. It also seems as if this was not the common style of building at that time, from the Temple of Mecca; where, if any credit is to be given to the print of it, in Sale's Koran, the arches are semicircular. The tomb here mentioned, has one evidence to prove its antiquity; that of being damaged by the injuries of time and weather. Its general appearance much resembles the east end of the chapel belonging to Ely House, London; except that, what is filled up there by the great window in the tomb, is an open pointed arch; also, the columns, or pinnacles, on each side, are higher in proportion.

Some have supposed that this kind of architecture was brought into Spain by the Moors (who possessed themselves of a great part of that country the beginning of the eighth century, which they held till the latter end of the fifteenth); and that from thence, by way of France, it was introduced into England. This at first seems plausible; but if it was fact, the public buildings erected by that people, would have borne

borne testimony of it : but not the least traces of Gothic architecture are to be met with in the portraits of the Moorish palaces, given in *Les Delices D'Espagne*, said to be faithful representations ; and where, as well as in an authentic drawing of the Moorish Castle at Gibraltar, the arches are all represented semicircular. Perhaps a more general knowledge of these buildings would throw some lights on the subject, at present almost entirely enveloped in obscurity : possibly the Moors may, like us, at different periods, have used different manners of building. Having thus in vain attempted to discover from whence we had this style, let us turn to what is more certainly known, the time of its introduction into this kingdom, and the successive improvements and changes it has undergone.

Its first appearance here was towards the latter end of the reign of King Henry the Second ; but was not at once thoroughly adopted ; some short solid columns, and semicircular arches, being retained, and mixed with the pointed ones. An example of this is seen in the west end of the Old Temple Church ; and at York, where, under the choir, there remains much of the ancient work ; the arches of which are but just pointed, and rise on short, round pillars : both these were built in that reign. More instances might be brought, was not the thing probable in it-

self ; new inventions, even when useful, not being readily received. The great west tower of Ely Cathedral was built by Bishop Rydel, about this time : those arches were all pointed.

In the reign of Henry the Third, this manner of building seems to have gained a complete footing ; the circular giving place to the pointed arch, and the massive column yielding to the slender pillar. Indeed, like all novelties, when once admitted, the rage of fashion made it become so prevalent, that many of the ancient and solid buildings, erected in former ages, were taken down, in order to be re-edified in the new taste ; or had additions patched to them ; of this mode of architecture. The present cathedral church of Salisbury was begun early in this reign, and finished in the year 1258. It is entirely in the Gothic style ; and, according to Sir Christopher Wren, may be justly accounted one of the best patterns of architecture of the age in which it was built. Its excellency is undoubtedly in a great measure owing to its being constructed on one plan ; whence arises that symmetry and agreement of parts, not to be met with in many of our other cathedral churches ; which have mostly been built at different times, and in a variety of styles. The fashionable manner of building at this period, and till the reign of Henry the Eighth, as is described by Mr. Beetham *.

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* During the whole reign of Henry the Third, the fashionable pillars to our churches were of Purbec marble, very slender and round, encompassed with marble shafts a little detached, so as to make them appear of a proportionable thickness ; these shafts had each of them a capital richly adorned with foliage, which together, in a cluster, formed one elegant capital for the whole pillar.

In the beginning of the reign of Henry the Eighth, or rather towards the latter end of that of Henry the Seventh, when brick buildings

pillar. This form, though graceful to the eye, was attended with an inconvenience, perhaps not apprehended at first; for the shafts, designed chiefly for ornament, consisting of long pieces cut horizontally from the quarry, when placed in a perpendicular situation, were apt to split and break; which probably occasioned this manner to be laid aside in the next century. There was also some variety in the form of the vaultings in the same reign: these they generally chose to make of chalk, for its lightness; but the arches and principal ribs were of free-stone. The vaulting of Salisbury Cathedral, one of the earliest, is high pitched, between arches and cross-springers only, without any further decorations: but some that were built soon after, are more ornamental, rising from their imposts with more springers, and spreading themselves to the middle of the vaulting, are enriched at their intersection with carved orbs, foliage, and other devices: as in Bishop Norwood's work, in the Presbytery, at the east end of the cathedral of Ely.——As to the windows of that age, we find them very long, narrow, sharp-pointed, and usually decorated on the inside and outside with small marble shafts: the order and disposition of the windows, varied in some measure, according to the stories of which the building consisted; in one of three stories, the uppermost had commonly three windows within the compass of every arch, the center one being higher than those on each side; the middle tire or story had two within the same space; and the lowest, only one window, usually divided by a pillar or mullion, and after ornamented on the top with a trefoil, single rose, or some such simple decoration; which probably gave the hint for branching out the whole head into a variety of tracery and foliage, when the windows came afterwards to be enlarged. The use of painting, and stained glass, in our churches, is thought to have begun about this time: this kind of ornament, as it diminished the light, induced the necessity of making an alteration in the windows; either by increasing the number, or enlarging their proportions; for such a gloominess, rather than overmuch light, seems more proper for such sacred edifices, and better calculated for recollecting the thoughts, and fixing pious affections: yet without that alteration, our churches had been too dark and gloomy; as some of them now, being divested of that ornament, for the same reason, appear over light.——As for spires and pinnacles, with which our oldest churches are sometimes, and more modern ones are frequently decorated, I think they are not very ancient; the towers and turrets of churches built by the Normans, in the first century after their coming, were covered as platforms, with battlements or plain parapet walls: some of them indeed, built within that period, we now see finished with pinnacles or spires; which were additions, since the modern style of pointed arches prevailed; for before we meet with none. One of the earliest spires we have any account of, is that of old St. Paul's, finished in the year 1222: it was, I think, of timber, covered with lead; but not long after, they began to build them of stone; and to finish all their buttresses in the same manner.——Architecture, under Edward the First, was so nearly the same as in his father Henry the Third's time, that it is no easy matter to distinguish it. Improvements no doubt were then made; but it is difficult to define them accurately. The transition from one style to another, is usually effected by degrees, and therefore not very remarkable at first; but it becomes so at some distance of time: towards the latter part indeed of his reign, and in that of Edward the Second, we begin to discover a manifest change of the mode, as well
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buildings became common, a new kind of low pointed arch grew much in use: it was described from four centers; was very round at the haunches;

in the vaulting and make of the columns, as the formation of the windows. The vaulting was, I think, more decorated than before; for now the principal ribs arising from their impost, being spread over the inner face of the arch, ran into a kind of tracery; or rather, with transoms divided the roof into various angular compartments, and were usually ornamented in the angles, with gilded orbs, carved heads or figures, and other embossed work. The columns retained something of their general form already described; that is, as an assemblage of small pillars or shafts: but these decorations were now not detached or separate from the body of the columns, but made part of it; and being closely united and wrought up together, formed one entire, firm, slender, and elegant column. The windows were now greatly enlarged, and divided into several lights by stone mullions, running into various ramifications above, and dividing the head into numerous compartments of different forms, as leaves, open flowers, and other fanciful shapes; and more particularly the eastern and western windows (which became fashionable about this time), took up nearly the whole breadth of the nave, and were carried up almost as high as the vaulting; and being set off with painted and stained glass, of most lively colours, with portraits of kings, saints, martyrs, and confessors, and other historical representations, made a most splendid and glorious appearance. The three first arches of the Presbytery, adjoining to the dome and lantern of the Cathedral Church of Ely, began the latter part of Edward the Second's reign, A. D. 1322, to exhibit elegant specimens of these fashionable pillars, vaultings, and windows. St. Mary's Chapel (now Trinity Parish Church) at Ely, built about the same time, is constructed on a different plan; but the vaulting and windows are in the same style. The plan of this chapel, generally accounted one of the most perfect structures of that age, is an oblong square; it has no pillars nor side isles, but is supported by strong spiring buttresses, and was decorated on the outside with statues over the east and west windows; and within side also with statues, and a great variety of other sculpture, well executed. The fashion of adorning the west end of our churches with rows of statues, in tabernacles or niches, with canopies over them, obtained very soon after the introduction of pointed arches, as may be seen at Peterborough and Salisbury; and in later times we find them in a more improved taste, as at Litchfield and Wells.——The same style and manner of building prevailed all the reign of Edward the Third; and with regard to the principal parts and members, continued in use to the reign of Henry the Seventh, and the greater part of Henry the Eighth; only towards the latter part of that period, the windows were less pointed and more open; a better taste for statuary began to appear; and indeed, a greater care seems to have been bestowed on all the ornamental parts, to give them a lighter and higher finishing; particularly the ribs of the vaulting, which had been large, and seemingly formed for strength and support, became at length divided into such an abundance of parts, issuing from their imposts as from a center, and spreading themselves over the vaulting, where they were intermixed with such delicate sculpture, as gave the whole vault the appearance of embroidery, enriched with clusters of pendent ornaments, resembling the works Nature sometimes forms in caves and grottos, hanging down from their roofs.——To what height of perfection modern architecture (I mean that with pointed arches, its chief characteristic) was carried on in this kingdom, appears by that one complete specimen of it, the chapel

haunches, and the angle at the top was very obtuse. This sort of arch is to be found in every one of Cardinal Wolsey's buildings; also at West Sheen; an ancient brick gate at Mile End, called King John's Gate; and in the great gate of the palace at Lambeth. From this time Gothic architecture began to decline; and was soon after supplanted by a mixed style, if one may venture to call it one; wherein the Grecian and Gothic, however discordant and irreconcilable, are jumbled together. Concerning this mode of building, Mr. Wharton, in his observations on Spenser's *Fairy Queen*; has the following anecdotes and remarks:

—————" Did arise
" On stately pillars, fram'd after
" the Doric guise.

" Although the Roman or Grecian
" architecture did not begin to
" prevail in England till the time
" of Inigo Jones, yet our commu-
" nication with the Italians, and
" our imitation of their man-
" ners, produced some specimens
" of that style much earlier. Per-
" haps the earliest is Somerset-
" House in the Strand, built about
" the year 1549, by the Duke of

" Somerset, uncle to Edward the
" Sixth. The monument of Bishop
" Gardiner, in Winchester Cathe-
" dral, made in the reign of Mary,
" about 1555, is decorated with
" Ionic pillars; Spenser's verses,
" here quoted, bear an allusion to
" some of these fashionable im-
" provements in building, which,
" at this time, were growing more
" and more into esteem. Thus
" also Bishop Hall, who wrote
" about the same time; viz.
" 1598.

" There findest thou some stately
" Doricke frame,
" Or neat Ionicke work.

" But these ornaments were often
" absurdly introduced into the old
" Gothic style: as in the magni-
" ficent portico of the schools at
" Oxford, erected about the year
" 1613; where the builder, in a
" Gothic edifice, has affectedly
" displayed his universal skill in
" the modern architecture, by giv-
" ing us all the five orders toge-
" ther. However, most of the
" great buildings of Queen Eliza-
" beth's reign, have a style pecu-
" liar to themselves both in form
" and finishing; where, though
" much of the old Gothic is re-

chapel founded by King Henry the Sixth, in his college at Cambridge, and finished by King Henry the Eighth. The decorations, harmony, and proportions of the several parts of this magnificent fabric; its fine painted windows, and richly ornamented roof, its gloom, and perspective, all concur in affecting the imagination with pleasure and delight, at the same time that they inspire awe and devotion. It is undoubtedly one of the most complete, elegant, and magnificent structures in the kingdom; and if, besides these larger works, we take into our view, those specimens of exquisite workmanship we meet with in the smaller kinds of oratories, chapels, and monumental edifices, produced so late as the reign of Henry the Eighth, some of which are still in being, or at least so much of them, as to give an idea of their former grace and beauty, one can hardly help concluding, that architecture arrived at its highest point of glory in this kingdom, but just before its final period. *Bentham.*

“ tained, and great part of the
 “ new taste is adopted, yet neither
 “ predominates; while both, thus
 “ indistinctly blended, compose a
 “ fantastic species, hardly reducible
 “ to any class or name. One
 “ of its characteristics is the affectation
 “ of large and lofty windows; where, says Bacon, you
 “ shall have sometimes fair houses
 “ so full of glass, that one cannot
 “ tell where to become, to be out
 “ of the sun.”

The marks which constitute the character of Gothic, or Saracenic architecture, are its numerous and prominent buttresses, its lofty spires and pinnacles, its large and ramified windows, its ornamental niches or canopies, its sculptured saints, the delicate lace-work of its fretted roofs, and the profusion of ornaments lavished indiscriminately over the whole building: but its peculiar distinguishing characteristics are, the small clustered pillars and pointed arches, formed by the segments of two intersecting circles; which arches, though last brought into use, are evidently of a more simple and obvious construction than the semicircular ones; two flat stones, with their tops inclined to each other, and touching, form its rudiments, a number of boughs stuck into the ground opposite each other, and tied together at the top,

in order to form a bower, exactly describe it: whereas a semicircular arch appears the result of deeper contrivance, as consisting of more parts; and it seems less probable, chance, from whence all these inventions were first derived, should throw several wedge-like stones between two set perpendicular, so as exactly to fit and fill up the interval.

On the Suppression of Religious Houses; from the same.

ALTHOUGH the general suppression of religious houses, even considered in a political light only, was of a vast national benefit, yet it must be allowed, that at the time they flourished, they were not entirely useless. Monasteries were then the repositories, as well as seminaries of learning; many valuable books, and national records, as well as private evidences, having been preserved in their libraries; the only places wherein they could have been safely lodged, in those turbulent times: many of them, which had escaped the ravages of the Danes, were destroyed, with more than Gothic barbarity, at their dissolution*.

Every abbey had at least one person,

* The barbarous ravages committed on the libraries of the monks, are thus set forth and lamented by John Bale, in his Declaration upon Leland's Journal, anno 1549. “ Covetousness,” saith he, “ was at that time so busy about
 “ private commodity, that public wealth in that most necessary, and of respect,
 “ was not any where regarded. A number of them, which purchased those
 “ superstitious mansions, reserved of those library books, some to serve their
 “ jakes, some to scour the candlesticks, and some to rub their boots; some
 “ they sold to the grocers, and soap-seller; and some they sent over sea, to
 “ the book-binders, not in small numbers; but, at times, whole ships full:
 “ yea, the universities of this realm are not all clear in this detestable fact.

person, whose office it was to instruct youth; and to the monks, the historians of this country are chiefly beholden for the knowledge they have of former national events. The arts of painting, architecture, and printing, were also successfully cultivated within their walls.

Religious houses were likewise the hospitals for the sick and poor, many of both being daily relieved by them: they also afforded lodging and entertainment to travellers, at a time when there were no inns.

The nobility and gentry, who were heirs to their founders, in them could provide for a certain number of ancient and faithful servants; by procuring them corodies, or stated allowances of meat, drink, and cloaths. It was also an asylum or retreat for aged, indigent persons, of good family.

The places near the site of these abbies were considerably benefited, both by the concourse of people resorting to them, by fairs procured for them, and by their exemption from the forest laws; add to which, the monastic estates were generally let at very easy rents, the fines given at renewals included. To conclude, their

stately buildings, and magnificent churches, were striking ornaments to the country; the furious zeal with which these were demolished, their fine carvings destroyed, and their beautiful painted windows broken, would almost tempt one to imagine, that the persons who directed these depredations, were actuated with an enmity to the fine arts, instead of a hatred to the Popish superstition.

Of Domesday-Book; from the same.

Domesday-book, according to Sir Henry Spelman, if not the most ancient, yet, without controversy, the most venerable monument of Great Britain, contains an account of all the lands of England; except the four northern counties, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham, and part of Lancashire; and describes the quantity and particular nature of them; whether meadow, pasture, arable, wood, or waste land: it mentions their rents and taxations; and records the several possessors of lands, their number, and distinct degrees. King Alfred, about the year 900, com-

“ But cursed is that belly, which seeketh to be fed with so ungodly gains; and
 “ so deeply shameth his natural country. I know (says he) a merchantman
 “ (which shall at this time be nameless) that bought the contents of two no-
 “ ble libraries for forty shillings price: a shame it is to be spoken! This stuff
 “ hath he occupied instead of grey paper, by the space of more than these ten
 “ years, and yet he hath store enough for as many years to come: a prodigi-
 “ ous example is this, and to be abhorred by all men, which loved their na-
 “ tion as they should do. Yea, what may bring our realm to more shame and
 “ rebuke, than to have it noised abroad, that we are despisers of learning. I
 “ shall judge this to be true, and utter it with heaviness, that neither the Bri-
 “ tons, under the Romans and Saxons, nor yet the English people, under the
 “ Danes and Normans, had ever such damage of their learned monuments, as
 “ we have seen in our time. Our posterity may well curse this wicked fact of
 “ our age; this unreasonable spoil of England’s most noble antiquities.”

posed a book of like nature; of which this was in some measure a copy.

This work, according to the Red Book in the Exchequer, was begun, by order of William the Conqueror, with the advice of his parliament, in the year of our Lord 1080, and completed in the year 1086. The reason given for doing it, as assigned by several ancient records and histories, was, that every man should be satisfied with his own right; and not usurp, with impunity, what belonged to another. Besides these, other motives seem to have occasioned this survey. Sir Martin Wright, in his Introduction to the Law of Tenures, appears to be of this opinion; which he expresses in the following words: "It is very remarkable, that William the First, about the twentieth year of his reign, just when the general survey of England, called Domesday-Book, is supposed to be finished, and not till then, summoned all the great men and landholders in the kingdom to London and Salisbury, to do their homage, and swear their fealty to him; by doing whereof, the Saxon Chronicler supposes, that, at that time, the *proceres, et omnes prædia tenentes, se illi subdidere, ejusque facti sunt Vasalli*; so that we may reasonably suppose, First, That this general homage and fealty was done at this time, (nineteen or twenty years after the accession of William the First) in consequence of something new; or else that engagements so important to the maintenance and security of a new establishment, had been required

long before; and if so, it is probable that tenures were then new; inasmuch as homage and fealty were, and still are, mere feudal engagements, binding the homager to all the duties and observances of a feudal tenant. Secondly, That as this general homage and fealty was done about the time that Domesday-Book was finished, and not before, we may suppose that that survey was taken upon or soon after our ancestors consent to tenures, in order to discover the quantity of every man's fee, and to fix his homage. This supposition is the more probable, because it is not likely that a work of this nature was undertaken without some immediate reason; and no better reason can be assigned why it was undertaken at this time, or indeed why this survey should be taken at all; there being at that time extant, a general survey of the whole kingdom, made by Alfred."

For the execution of this survey, commissioners were sent into every county and shire; and juries summoned in each hundred, out of all orders of freemen, from barons down to the lowest farmers; who were, upon oath, to inform the commissioners the name of each manor, and that of its owner; also by whom it was held in the time of Edward the Confessor; the number of hides, the quantity of wood, of pasture, and meadow land; how many ploughs were in the demesne, and how many in the tenanted part of it; how many mills, how many fish-ponds, or fisheries, belonged to it; with the value of the whole together in the time of King

King Edward, 'as well as when granted by King William, and at the time of this survey; also whether it was capable of improvement, or of being advanced in its value: they were likewise directed to return the tenants of every degree, the quantity of lands now and formerly held by each of them; and what was the number of the villains or slaves; and also the number and kinds of their cattle and live stock. These inquiries being first methodized in the county, were afterwards sent up to the king's Exchequer; some of the particulars, concerning which the jury were directed to enquire, were thought unnecessary to be inserted. This survey, at the time in which it was made, gave great offence to the people; and occasioned a jealousy that it was intended for the foundation of some new imposition.

Notwithstanding the precaution taken by the Conqueror to have this survey faithfully and impar-

ally executed, it appears, from indisputable authority, that a false return was given in by some of the commissioners; and that, as it is said, out of a pious motive. This was in the case of the abby of Croyland in Lincolnshire; the possessions of which were greatly under-rated, both with regard to quantity and value. Perhaps similar, or more interested inducements, may have operated in other instances. A deviation from truth, so clearly proved, fully justifies a suspicion of the veracity of any record or testimony. Perhaps more of these pious returns were discovered; as it is said, Ralph Flambard, minister to William Rufus, proposed the making a fresh and more rigorous inquiry; but it was never executed.

Nevertheless, in despite of this impeachment of its credibility, "the authority of Domesday-Book", in point of tenure, hath never been permitted to be called

* The tallages formerly assessed upon the king's tenants in ancient demesne, were usually greater than the tallages upon persons in the counties at large; and therefore, when persons were wrongfully tallaged with those in ancient demesne, it was usual for them to petition the Crown to be tallaged with the community of the county at large: upon this the king's writ issued to the barons of the Exchequer, to acquit the party aggrieved of such tallage, in case, upon search of Domesday-Book, the barons found the lands were not in ancient demesne.

Madox Firma Burgi, p. 5 and 6. Hist. of the Exchequer, p. 499, 500.

The pound so often mentioned in Domesday-Book (says Sir Robert Atkins, in his history of Gloucestershire) for reserved rent, was the weight of a pound in silver, consisting of twelve ounces, which is equal in weight to three pounds and two shillings of our present money: the same weight in gold is now worth forty-eight pounds.

The shilling mentioned in the same book, consisted of twelve pence, and is equal in weight to three shillings of our money. The denomination of a shilling was of different value in different nations; and often of a different value in the same nation, as the government thought fit to alter it. There was no such piece of money ever coined in this kingdom, until the year 1504, in the latter end of the reign of King Henry the Seventh. In the Saxon times, there went forty-eight shillings to the pound; then the shilling was accounted at five

“ led in question; for instance,
 “ when it hath been necessary to
 “ distinguish whether lands were
 “ held in ancient demesne, or in
 “ what other manner, recourse
 “ hath always been had to Domes-
 “ day-Book, and to that only, to
 “ determine the doubt. If lands
 “ were set down in that book, un-
 “ der the title of Terra Regis, or
 “ if it was said there, Rex Habet
 “ such land, or such a town, it
 “ was determined to be the king’s
 “ ancient demesne. If the land
 “ or town was therein set down
 “ under the name of a private lord
 “ or subject, then it was deter-
 “ mined to have been at the time
 “ of the survey the land of such
 “ private person, and not ancient
 “ demesne.” Indeed, its name is
 said to have been derived from its
 definitive authority, from which,
 as from the sentence pronounced at
 Doomsday, or the Day of Judgment,

there could be no appeal. But
 Stowe assigns another reason for
 this appellation; Domesday-Book
 being, according to him, a cor-
 ruption of Domus Dei-Book; a
 title given it because heretofore de-
 posited in the king’s treasury, in a
 place of the church of Westminster,
 or Winchester, called Domus-Dei:
 but this last explanation has but
 few advocates. This record is
 comprised in two volumes; one a
 large folio, the other a quarto,
 The first is written on 382 double
 pages of vellum, in a small, but
 plain character; each page having
 a double column. Some of the
 capital letters and principal pas-
 sages are touched with red ink, as
 shewn in the specimen; and some
 have strokes of red ink run cross
 them, as if scratched out. This
 volume contains the description
 of thirty-one counties, arranged
 and written as follows:

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| Chent | — fol. | 1 | Devenscire | — fol. | 100 |
| Sudsex | — | 16 | 10 Cornualgie | — | 120 |
| Sudrie | — | 30 | Midelfexe | — | 126 |
| Hantscire | — | 38 | Hertfordscire | — | 132 |
| 5 Berrochescire | — | 56 | Bockinghamscire | — | 143 |
| Wiltescire | — | 64 | Oxenfordscire | — | 154 |
| Dorsette | — | 75 | 15 Glowcest’scire | — | 162 |
| Summersite | — | 86 | Wiricestrescire | — | 172 |

pence; and every one of those pence being of the weight of our three pence, a shilling then must make fifteen pence; and forty-eight times fifteen pence, a pound weight. In the Norman time, and ever since, a shilling was accounted twelve pence; and every penny as aforesaid, weighing three pence, there must be the weight of three of our shillings in one shilling of the Norman computa- tion; and consequently, twenty Norman shillings do likewise make a pound weight. Silver pence were anciently the only current coin of England; and afterwards, about the reign of King John, silver halfpence and silver farthings were introduced. The penny was the greatest piece of silver coin until the year 1353, when King Edward the Third began to coin groats; and they had their name from their large size, for Gros did signify Great. Crowns and half crowns were first coined in the reign of King Edward the Sixth, in the year 1551, about one hundred and sixty years since. Page 5.

It may not be improper to add, that a carucate, hide or plow land, was a certain quantity of land, about 120 acres,

Herefordscire

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| Herefordscire | — fol. 179 | Staffordscire | — fol. 245 |
| Grantbr'scire | — 189 | 25 Sciropescire | — 252 |
| Huntedunscire | — 203 | Cestrescire | — 262 |
| 20 Bedefordscire | — 209 | Derbyscire | — 272 |
| Northantscire | — 219 | Snotingh'scire | — 280 |
| Ledecestrescire | — 230 | Roteland | — f. 293, 367 |
| Warwicscire | — 238 | Eurvicscire | — 298, 379 |
| Lindesig, or Lincolnshire, fol. 366, divided into the west riding, north riding, and east riding. | | | |

Towards the beginning of each country, there is a catalogue of the capital lords or great landholders, who possessed any thing in it; beginning with the king, and then naming the great lords, according to their rank and dignity.

The other volume is in quarto; it is written on 450 double pages of vellum, but in a single column, and in a large but very fair character. It contains the counties of

Essex, fol. 1; Norfolk, fol. 109; Suffolk, fol. 281, to the end.

Part of the county of Rutland is included in that of Northampton; and part of Lancashire in the counties of York and Chester.

From the great care formerly taken for the preservation of this survey, may be gathered the estimation of its importance; the Dialogue de Scaccario says; “ Liber
“ ille (Domesday) sigilli regis co-
“ mes est individuum in The-
“ sauro.”

Until of late years, it has been kept under three different locks and keys; one in the custody of the treasurer, and the others of the two chamberlains of the Exchequer. It is now deposited in the Chapter House at Westminster, where it may be consulted, on paying to the proper officers a fee of 6s. 8d. for a search, and four pence per line for a transcript.

Observations on Bolton Castle in Yorkshire; from the same.

ON a perusal of Bolton castle, some similarities occur, which seem generally applicable to all the castles of any respectable rank and antiquity. The circumstances here alluded to, are the immense size of their ovens; the seeming unnecessary strength of their walls, for bow and arrow times; and the gloomy construction of their rooms. In respect to the first article, the presumption of furnishing the besieged with bread, in the contingency of a war, and the idea of ancient hospitality, in times of peace, may be causes sufficient for explaining the taste of our ancestors in this way; but in regard to the other, it would appear, as if the distinguished founders of these mansions were utter enemies to the all-cheering comforts of light and air: for notwithstanding small windows and apertures in the walls, agreeable to the mode of those days, might tend to give stability and safety to the inhabitants, in those military and feudal ages, certain it is, that much of this precaution might have been spared, more especially aloft, without prejudice to either. Let us add to this account, the first of all considerations, the circumstance of health, which must have been frequently sacrificed to
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the seasoning of the walls; than which not less than half a century would apparently suffice. Under these predicaments stand the apartments shewn for that in which Mary Queen of the Scots was confined; and the bed-room of the Lord Scroopes: both which, according to the refinement of the present period, would not be thought sufficiently good even for the domestic animals of a man of fortune.

The Voyages of Ohthere and Wulfstan; from the Anglo-Saxon Version of Orosius, by Alfred the Great; translated by the Honorable Daines Barrington, with Notes by Mr. John Reinhold Forster.

OHTHERE told his Lord (King Alfred) that he lived to the north of all the Northmen. He *quoth* that he dwelt in that land to the northward, opposite the west *sea*; he said, however, that the land of the Northmen is *due north* from that sea, and it is all a waste, except in a few places, where the Finnas for the most part dwell, for hunting in the winter, and in the summer for fishing in that sea. He said, that he was determined to find out, once on a time, how far this country extended due north, or whether any one lived to the north of the wastes before mentioned. With this intent he proceeded due north *from this country*, leaving all the way the *waste land* on the starboard, and the whole sea on the

backboard*. He was within three days as far north as the *Whale-bunters* ever go, and then proceeded in his course due north, as far as he could sail within another three days, whilst the land lay from thence due east, even unto the *inland sea*, he he knows not how far [in that direction]. He remembers, however, that he staid there waiting for a western wind, or a point to the north, and sailed near that land, as far as he could in four days, where he waited for a due north wind, because the land there lies due south, quite to the *inland sea*, he knows not how far†; from whence he sailed along the coast due south, as far as he could in five days. A great river lies up this land, and when they had gone some way up this river, they returned, because they could not proceed far, on account of the inhabitants being hostile, and all that country was inhabited on one side of this river, nor had Ohthere met with before any land that was inhabited since he came from his own home. All the land to his right, during his whole voyage, was a desert, and without inhabitants, (except fishermen, fowlers, and hunters) ‡, all of which were Finnas, and he had a wide sea to his left. The Beormas, indeed, had well-peopled their country, for which reason Ohthere did not dare enter upon it; and the Terfenna § land was all a desert, except when it was inhabited by fishers and fowlers.

The Beormas told him many particulars about their land, as well as

* Or, to the left.

† By this the land and inland sea before-mentioned is plainly alluded to.

‡ Ohthere hath explained before, this resort to have only been occasional.

§ Mr. Lye, in his Saxon Dictionary, refers to this word in this chapter of Orosius, and renders it Tartary.

of the other countries near them; but Ohthere could not rely upon their accounts, because he had not an opportunity of seeing with his own eyes; it seemed, however, to him, that the Beormas and the Finnas spoke the same language. He went the rather, and *shaped* his course to each of these countries, on account of the *borse* whales, because they have very good bone in their teeth, some of which he brought to the King, and their hides are good for ship-ropes. This sort of whale is much less than the other kinds, it being not longer commonly than seven ells; but [Ohthere says] that in his own country is the best whale-hunting, because the whales are eight-and-forty ells long, and the *largest* fifty; that he had killed *some* six; and sixty in two days. Ohthere was a very rich man in such goods as are valuable in those countries (namely, in wild deer), and had, at the time he came to the king *, six hundred tame deer, none of which he had purchased; besides this, he had six decoy rheindeer, which are very valuable amongst the Finnas, because they catch the wild ones with them.

Ohthere himself was one of the most considerable men in those parts, and yet he had not more than twenty horned cattle, twenty sheep, and twenty swine, and what little he ploughed was with horses. The rents in this country consist chiefly of what is paid by the Fin-

nas, in deer-skins, feathers, and whale-bone, ship-ropes, made of whales hides, or of those of seals. Every one pays according to his substance; the wealthiest pay the skins of fifteen martins, five rheindeer, one bear's-skin, ten bushels of feathers, a cloak of bear's or otter's skin, two ship-ropes, (each sixty ells long) one made of whale's, and the other of seal's-skin.

Ohthere moreover said, that Northmannaland was very long and narrow, and that all of the country which is fit either for pasture or plowing, is on the sea coast, which however is in some parts very rocky; to the eastward are wild moors, parallel to the cultivated land. The Finnas inhabit these moors, and the cultivated land is broadest to the eastward, and grows narrower to the northward. To the east it is sixty miles broad, in some places broader, about the middle it is perhaps thirty miles broad, or somewhat more, to the northward (where it is narrowest), it may be only three miles [from the sea] to the moors, which are in some parts so wide, that a man could scarcely pass over them in a fortnight, and in other parts perhaps in a week †. Opposite this land, to the south, is Sweoland, on the other side of the moors, quite to that northern land ‡, and opposite to that again, to the north, is Cwenaland. The Cwenas sometimes make incursions against the

* This shews, that Ohthere was a man of considerable substance when he left his own country to come to England; and there is not the least allusion to his having been sent to the northward by Alfred, as this voyage seems to have happened long before he was known to that king.

† These very minute particulars seem plainly to be taken down by Alfred, from Ohthere's own mouth, as he corrects himself most scrupulously, in order to inform the king with accuracy.

‡ i. e. Normanna land, Ohthere's own country.

Northmen over these moors, and sometimes the Northmen on them; there are very large fresh *meres* amongst the moors, and the Cwenas carry their *ships* * over land into the meres, whence they make depredations, on the Northmen; their *ships* are small and very light.

Ohthere said also, that the *shire* which he inhabited is called Halgoland, and he says that no one dwelt to the north of him; there is likewise a port to the south of this land, which is called Sciringes heal, which no one could reach in a month, if *be watched in the night*, and every day had a fair wind; during this voyage he would sail near land, on his right-hand would be Iraland, and then the islands which are between Iraland and this land. This country continues quite to Sciringes heal, and all the way on the left, as you proceed northward to the south of Sciringes heal, a great sea makes a vast bay up in the country, and is so wide, that no one can see across it. Gotland is opposite on the other side, and afterwards the Sea of Sillende lies many miles up in that country. Ohthere further says, that he sailed in five days from Sciringes heal, to

that port which men call Æt-Hæthum, which is between the Wine-dum, Seaxum, and Angle, and makes part of Dene.

When Ohthere sailed to this place from *Sciringes heal*, Denmark was on his *left*, and on the right a wide sea for three days, as also two days before he came to Hæthum, Gotlande, Sillende, and many islands, (these lands were inhabited by the Angle before they came hither) †; for two days the islands which belong to Dene were on the left.

Wulfstan said, that he went from Heathum to Truso in seven days and nights (the ship being under sail all the time), that Weonothland was on his right, but Lango-land, Læland, Falster, and Scoley on his left, all which belong to Denemarca, *we* ‡ had also Burgenda-land on our left, which hath a king of its own. After having left Burgenda-land, the islands of Becinga, Meroe, Eouland, and Gotland, were on our left, which country belongs to Sweon; and Weonodland was all the way on our right, to the mouth of the Wesel. This river is a very large one, and near it lies Willand and Weonod-

* These *ships* were probably the same with the small boats to this day called coracles, which are used both on the Towy and the Wye. They make them near Monmouth, not to weigh above 45lb. and they are easily therefore carried on a fisherman's back over shallows.

† This clears up most decisively the doubts in Camden's preface, p. clviii. with regard to the situation of the Angles.

‡ It seems very clear, from this expression of *we*, that when king Alfred came to this part of Orosius's geography, he consulted Ohthere and Wulfstan, who had lived in the northern parts of Europe, which the antients were so little acquainted with, and that he took down this account from their own mouths. For the same reason it is not improbable that there may be some mistakes in the king's relation, as though these northern travellers spoke a language bearing an affinity to the Anglo-Saxon, yet it was certainly a dialect with material variations. For proof of this, let a chapter of the *Speculum Regale*, written in the old Icelandic, or Norwegian, be compared with the Anglo-Saxon. This very curious work was published at Soroc, in 1768.

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land, the former of which belongs to Estum, and the Wesel does not run through Weonodland, but through Estmere, which lake is fifteen miles broad. Then runs the Ilfing, from the eastward into Estmere; on the bank of which stands Truso, and the Ilfing flows from Eastland into the Estmere, and the Wesel from Weonodland to the south; the Ilfing having joined the Wesel takes its name, and runs to the west of Estmere, and northward into the Sea, when it is called the Wesel's mouth. Eastland is a large tract of country, and there are in it many towns, and in every town is a king; there is also a great quantity of honey and fish, and the king and the richest men drink nothing but milk, whilst the poor and the slaves use mead. They have many contests amongst themselves, and the people of Estum brew no ale, though they have mead in profusion.

There is also a particular custom amongst this nation, that when any one dies, the corpse continues unburnt with the relations and friends for a month or two, and the bodies of kings and nobles,* (according to their respective wealth) lye for half a year before the corpse is burned, and the corpse continues above ground in the house, during which time drinking and sports last till the day on which the body is consumed. Then, when it is carried to the funeral pile, the substance of the deceased (which remains after these drinking bouts and sports) is divided into five or six heaps (sometimes into more) according to what he happens to be

worth. These heaps are disposed at a mile's distance from each other, the largest heap at the greatest distance from the town, and so gradually the smaller at lesser intervals, till all the wealth is divided, so that the least heap shall be nearest the town where the corpse lies.

Then all those are to be summoned, who have the fleetest horses in that country, within the distance of five or six miles from these heaps, and they all strive for the substance of the deceased; he who hath the swiftest horse, obtains the most distant and largest heap, and so the others, in proportion, till the whole is seized upon. He procures, however, the least heap, who takes that which is nearest the town, and then every one rides away with his share, and keeps the whole of it; on account of this custom, fleet horses are excessively dear. When the wealth of the deceased hath been thus exhausted, then they carry the corpse from the house, to burn it, together with the dead man's weapons and cloaths, and generally they spend the whole wealth of the deceased, by the body's continuing so long in the house before it is buried†; what, however, remains, and is thus disposed in heaps on the road, is taken away by these foreign competitors.

It is also a custom with the Estum, that the bodies of all the inhabitants shall be burned; and if any one can find a single bone unconsumed, it is a cause of anger. These people also have the means of producing very severe cold, by which the dead body continues so long above ground without putre-

* *Highb-men* in the Saxon.

† That is, by the consequential expences,

fyng * ; and if any one sets a vessel full of ale or water, they contrive that they shall be frozen, be it summer †, or be it winter.

The following extracts from Mr. Forster's Observations on the Geography of King Alfred, will serve to throw some Light on those ancient Voyages.

THE Geography of King Alfred, is not to be considered as a mere translation of Orosius, for he brings in the testimony of Ohthere and Wulfstan, who came to the king, and gave him a most minute and accurate account of their own navigations; and therefore it is a most precious fragment of the real situation of several nations in the ninth century. The veil which time has drawn over the history of those dark middle ages, especially in regard to the more remote countries in the north and east of Europe, makes it certainly very difficult to find out the real names of several nations and places mentioned by King Alfred; but the comparative view of the situation of such nations as are known to us, will contribute to identify those that are either unknown, or at least so dis-

guised, as to make it no easy matter to fix their seats with any degree of certainty.

I will begin with Europe. The first country King Alfred describes in this quarter of the globe, is Germany: but he gives the country such an extent, as few other writers have done. Among those few is Paulus Warnefreid, Hist. Longob. l. 1. c. 1. sub initium. It must therefore be understood, that he takes in all the Teutonic tribes, when he speaks of Germany; and even then the geography is not easily comprehended; though upon examination, we find the royal geographer to be well informed and perfectly accurate. The limits of Germany are to the eastward, the river Tanais, to the west the river Rhine, to the south the Danube, and to the north the ocean called the *Cwen-Sea*. The rivers Tanais or Don, the Rhine and Danube, are well known; the sea, however, called the *Cwen-Sea*, is very little if at all so.

To shew its true situation, we must trace Ohthere in his navigation. He first says, that he lived to the north of all the *Northmen*: and calls the shire he inhabited *Halgoland*. This Halgoland cannot be

* Phineas Fletcher, who was ambassador from Queen Elizabeth to Russia, gives an account of the same practice continuing in some parts of Muscovy. "In winter time, when all is covered with snow, so many as die are piled up in a hovel in the suburbs, like billets on a wood-stack; they are as hard with the frost as a very stone, till the spring-tide come and resolve the frost, what time every man taketh his dead friend, and committeth him to the ground." See a note to one of Fletcher's Eclogues, p. 10, printed at Edinburgh, in 1771, 12mo. See also a poem written at Moscow, by G. Tuberville, in the first volume of Hakluyt, p. 386, where the same circumstance is dwelt upon, and the reason given, that the ground cannot be dug. Bodies, however, are now buried at Moscow during the winter.

† This must have been effected by some sort of an ice-house; and it appears by the *Amœnitates Academicæ*, that they have now ice-houses in Sweden and Lapland, which they build with moss.

the isle of Helgheland, at the mouth of the Elb; because it lies not north of all the Northmen; i. e. Norwegians: besides this isle had in ancient times another name, viz. Farrœe, Farria, or Harthia, for it was consecrated to the earth, the great divinity of several German nations. Tacit. de mor. Germ. c. 40. and from thence it had the name of Harthia, from Herthum the divinity. Tacitus observes, *Est in insula oceani castum nemus*, a HOLY forest; this caused the whole isle to be called Helgheland; i. e. Holy-land.

Ohthere's Halgoland, however, was in Norway, a district belonging to the province of Nordland (i. e. Northland), about 65° north lat. it is still called Helgheland, and is really one of the northernmost places in our time, which are inhabited. From this place Ohthere sailed due north, with an intent to discover how far this country extended in that direction; and he being the northernmost inhabitant, beyond him the country was desert. This waste land he had on his starboard, and the wide sea on his larboard side: these circumstances shew evidently, that he had the western ocean on his left, and the shores of Lapland on his right; for he sailed north *by the land* (*be thæm lande*) i. e. along the shore; the particle *be* having this signification still in the German. Three days sail brought him to the place, which was the *ne plus ultra* of the whale-hunters in that age: and he then continued his course due north three other days. A day's sail was, with the ancient Greeks, 1000 stadia, which is above a degree, or about 100 sea miles; and Wulfstan afterwards sailed from a Danish

port in five days and an half, about eighty miles per day, or about three knots per hour: so that it is no wonder, that Ohthere found himself at least near the North-Cape, within six days easy sail; which is not quite six degrees north of Helgheland. He could not double the Cape unless with a west wind; and after a short stay he shaped his course eastward during four days, but then the coast began to run south, and he therefore waited till he could proceed with a north wind. Having obtained this wind, he went on for five days in a southern direction, and came in that time to the mouth of a great river, which was inhabited by Beormas, who hindered him from going higher up in that river: this was the first inhabited country he met with; having had all the time of his course a desert on his right, frequented only by the fowlers, fishermen, and hunters of the Finnas or Terfennas. Lapland is called Finmark by the Danes to this very day; which proves the Finnas to be the Lappo-nians. In the country of the Beormas he found the *horse-rubales*, or the *Walruss*, animals which he distinguishes carefully from the whales and seals, of whose teeth he brought a present to King Alfred, and which are found no where but in the White Sea, near Archangel, and the other seas to the north of Siberia. In all the ocean near Norway and Lapland, no Walrusses are ever seen, but still less in the Baltic; and this strongly proves Ohthere to have been in the White Sea.

Ohthere afterwards describes Northmannaland, which is a long narrow country extending all along the shores of the western ocean, having to the east great moors, in-
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habited by the Finnas. To the south of this country, was Sweo-land, or Sweden: quite beyond the moors (on the desert, which lies north from his habitation), is Cwenland, whose inhabitants made inroads into Northmannaland, going over the moors. Consequently it is evident, that Cwenland can be no where else, but in the modern Finland, which lies beyond the moors of the desert, (which last are now Lapland). King Alfred said the same before, mentioning the Sweons, to the east of which are the Sermende in Livonia; and to the north of the Sweons, over the wastes, (i. e. having passed the wastes or deserts) are the Cwenas. From hence it is incontestable, that Cwenland is the same with Finland, and the Cwen-Sea must be one of the seas including Finland. The Baltic is on one of its sides, but this is called by King Alfred the Ost-Sea, which is its name, usual in the German language to this day. On the other side, is the gulph called the White-Sea; this therefore must be Cwen-Sea. Nay, Snorro Sturleson mentions, that Carelia extends quite to Gandwich, (i. e. the White-Sea) where Cwenland lyes along its shores, near Biarmia: so that there is no doubt, but that Cwen-Sea is the White-Sea. Therefore Germany extended quite to the Cwen-Sea. The Danes, the Swedes and Normans, spoke certainly a dialect of German understood then by the Germans, which is plain from a comparison of both languages in the most ancient records. The Rossian Wareghes, or Swedes of the province of Roslaghen, had long oppressed Livonia, or the Æstii: and the Sclavonians, or Slavi, living at

Novogrod, were expelled; but soon recalled. In the year 862, Rurik and his brethren took possession of the whole tract between the Baltic and the White-Sea, and about 879 these Wareghians, or Rossians, spread so far as Kiof upon the Dnepr, and gave their name of Rossians to the various tribes of Sclavonians they governed. This revolution introduced, no doubt, the Norman language amongst their nobility and princes at least; so that a dialect of the German was spoken from the White-Sea to the Baltic, along the Dnepr, and probably farther east to the very Tanaïs. This, I believe, induced King Alfred to look upon all that vast tract, from the Don to the Rhine, and from the Danube to the White-Sea, as belonging to Germany.

Ancient Epitaph on Sir John Mason, who lies buried under St. Paul's, and whose Tomb once subsisted in the old Church of Holy Faith, under the Fabrick of the old Cathedral.

To the Memory of Sir JOHN
MASON;

WHO, though but threescore and three years old at his death, yet lived and flourished in the reigns of four princes, viz. Henry the Eighth, Edward the Sixth, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, and was a privy-counsellor to them all, and an eye-witness of the various revolutions and vicissitudes of those times. Towards his latter end, being on his death-bed, he called for his clerk and steward, and delivered himself in these terms: "Lo! here have
" I

“ I lived to see five princes, and
“ have been a privy-counsellor to
“ four of them: I have seen the
“ most remarkable things in fo-
“ reign parts, and have been pre-
“ sent at most transactions for
“ thirty years together: and I have
“ learned this, after so many years
“ experience, that seriousness is the
“ greatest wisdom, temperance the
“ best physic, and a good con-

science the best estate; and were
“ I to live again, I would change
“ the court for a cloyster, my pri-
“ vy-counsellor’s bustles for an
“ hermit’s retirement, and the
“ whole life I have lived in the
“ palace for an hour’s enjoyment
“ of God in the chapel: all things
“ else forsake me, besides my God,
“ my duty, and my prayer.”

Miscellaneous ESSAYS.

Extracts from a Discourse delivered to the Students of the Royal Academy, on the Distribution of Prizes, Dec. 10, 1772, by the President.

THIS is a sequel to the last discourse, which was delivered on this occasion, and is intended to incite the students to pursue the higher excellencies of the art, as the first objects, and to add the subordinate qualifications as they can; but the president observes that, in attending to this precept, caution and circumspection are not less necessary, than eagerness and pursuit: for though some excellencies will not only bear to be united, but are improved by union, there are others of a discordant nature, and that an attempt to join them must always produce incongruity.

To illustrate this principle, he observes, that it is impossible at once to express passion, and the most perfect beauty; because all the passions produce some degree of deformity and distortion in the most beautiful faces. Guido, by attempting to preserve beauty, where it could not be preserved without the sacrifice of superior excellence, has given his Judith and Holofernes, the daughter of Herodias with the Baptist's Head, the Andromeda, and even the Mothers of

the Innocents, little more expression than his Venus attired by the Graces.

The artist is thus put upon his guard against the absurd praise which writers, not of the profession, and therefore not able to distinguish what can, and what cannot be done, have lavished upon favourite works. Such writers, says Sir Joshua, always find in favourite works what they resolve to find; they praise excellencies which can hardly exist together, and above all things are fond of describing, with great exactness, the expression of a *mixed passion*, which, in the opinion of this great painter, is beyond the reach of his art.

It is easy to see, that this principle will be zealously controverted; but it will be necessary to determine whether there are expressions of mixed passions in Nature, before it is determined whether there is, or can be, any such expression in Art.

In this dispute, each party will probably appeal to imagination; and, if it cannot be otherwise terminated, it must be endless. Many critics have described their own imaginations in disquisitions on the Cartoons, and other works of Raphael: and scope may have been given to imagination, not by the excellency, but the defect of that great master; for, by attempting a *mixed*

mixed expression, he has in some instances produced an indistinct and imperfect marking, which leaves room for every imagination to find, with equal probability, a passion of its own.

“ We can easily, says the President, like the ancients, suppose a Jupiter to be possessed of all those powers and perfections which the subordinate deities were endowed with separately; yet, when they employed their art to represent him, they confined his character to majesty alone.

“ Pliny, therefore, though we are under great obligations to him for the information which he has given us in relation to the works of the ancient artists, is very frequently wrong when he speaks of them, which he does very often, in the stile of many of our modern connoisseurs. He observes, that in a statue of Paris, by Euphranor, you might discover at the same time three different characters; the dignity of a Judge of the Goddesses, the Lover of Helen, and the conqueror of Achilles. A statue in which you endeavour to unite stately dignity, youthful elegance, and stern valour, must surely possess none of these to any eminent degree.”

What is further offered upon this subject, concludes thus:

“ I do not discourage the younger students, from the noble attempt of uniting all the excellencies of art, but to make them aware, that, besides the difficulties which attend every arduous attempt, there is a peculiar difficulty in the choice of the excellencies which ought to be united. I wish you to attend to this, that you may try yourselves, whenever you are capable of that trial, what you can, and what you

cannot do; and that, instead of dissipating your natural faculties over the immense field of possible excellence, you may chuse some particular walk, in which you may exercise all your powers; in order each of you to be the first in his way.

“ If any man shall be master of such a transcendent, commanding, and ductile genius, as to enable him to rise to the highest, and to stoop to the lowest flights of art, and to sweep over all of them unobstructed and secure, he is fitter to give example, than to receive instruction.”

Having said thus much of the union of excellencies, our author proceeds to say something of the subordination in which various excellencies ought to be kept.

He is of opinion, that the ornamental style, which in his last discourse he cautioned the students against considering as a *principal*, may not be wholly unworthy the attention of those who aim even at the grand style, when it is properly placed, and properly reduced: he advises the application of the ornamental style to soften the harshness, and mitigate the rigour of the great style, rather than the pushing it forward with pretensions to positive and original excellence of its own.

To support this precept, he alleges the example of Lodovico Caracci.

“ Lodovico, says he, was acquainted with the works both of Correggio, and the Venetian painters, and knew the principles by which they produced those pleasing effects, which at first glance prepossess us so much in their favour; but he took only as much from each

as would embellish, but not overpower that manly strength, and energy of style, which is his peculiar character."

He proceeds to mention some particulars, relative to the leading principles, and capital works of those, who excelled in the *great style*, that by further exemplifying the propositions he has laid down, he may be more perfectly understood.

"The principal works of modern art, says he, are in *Fresco*; a mode of painting which excludes attention to minute elegancies: yet these works in *Fresco*, are the productions on which the fame of the greatest masters depend: such are the pictures of Michael Angelo, and Raphael, in the Vatican, to which we may add the Cartoons; which, though not strictly to be called *Fresco*, yet may be put under that denomination; and such are the works of Julio Romano at Mantua. If these performances were destroyed, with them would be lost the best part of the reputation of those illustrious painters; for these are justly considered as the greatest efforts of our art which the world can boast. To these, therefore, we should principally direct our attention for higher excellencies. As for the lower arts, as they have been once discovered, they may be easily attained by those possessed of the former.

"Raphael, who stands in general foremost of the first painters, owes his reputation to his excellence in the higher parts of the art: therefore, his works in *Fresco*, ought to be the first object of our study and attention. His *easel* works stand in a lower degree of estimation; for though he conti-

nually, to the day of his death, embellished his works more and more with the addition of these lower ornaments, which entirely make the merit of some; yet he never arrived at such perfection, as to make him an object of imitation. He never was able to conquer perfectly that dryness, or even littleness of manner, which he inherited from his master. He never acquired that nicety of taste in colours, that breadth of light and shadow, that art and management of uniting light to light, and shadow to shadow, so as to make the object rise out of the ground, with that plenitude of effect so much admired in the works of Corregio. When he painted in oil, his hand seemed to be so cramped and confined, that he not only lost that facility and spirit, but I think even that correctness of form, which is so perfect and admirable in his *Fresco* works, I do not recollect any pictures of his of this kind, except perhaps the Transfiguration, in which there are not some parts that appear to have been feebly drawn.

"That this is not a necessary attendant on oil painting, we have abundant instances in more modern painters. Lodovico Caracci, for instance, preserved in his works in oil the same spirit, vigour, and correctness, which he had in *Fresco*.

"I have no desire to degrade Raphael from the high rank which he deservedly holds; but by comparing him with himself, he does not appear to me to be the same man in oil as in *Fresco*.

"From those who have ambition to tread in this great walk of the art, Michael Angelo claims the next attention.

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“ He did not possess so many excellencies as Raphael ; but those he had were of the highest kind. He considered the art as consisting of little more than what may be attained by sculpture, correctness of form, and energy of character. We ought not to expect more than an artist intends in his work. He never attempted those lesser elegancies and graces in the art. Vafari says, he never painted but one picture in oil, and resolved never to paint another, saying it was an employment only fit for women and children.

“ If any man had a right to look down upon the lower accomplishments as beneath his attention, it was certainly Michael Angelo : nor can it be thought strange, that such a mind should have slighted, or have been withheld from paying due attention to all those graces and embellishments of art, which have diffused such lustre over the works of other painters.

“ It must be acknowledged likewise, that together with these, which we wish he had more attended to, he has rejected all the false, though specious ornaments, which disgrace the works even of the most esteemed artists ; and I will venture to say, that when those higher excellences are more known and cultivated by the artists and the patrons of arts, his fame and credit will increase with our increasing knowledge.

“ His name will then be held in the same veneration, as it was in the enlightened age of Leo the Tenth : and it is remarkable, that the reputation of this truly great man, has been continually declining as the art itself has declined : for I must remark to you, that it

has long been much on the decline, and that our only hope of its revival, will consist in your being thoroughly sensible of its depravation and decay.

“ It is to Michael Angelo that Raphael owes the grandeur of his stile. He was taught by him to elevate his thoughts, and to conceive his subjects with dignity.

“ His genius, however formed to blaze and to shine, might, like fire in combustible matter, for ever have lain dormant, if it had not caught a spark by its contact with Michael Angelo : and though it never burst out with that extraordinary heat and vehemence, yet it must be acknowledged to be a pure, regular, and chaste flame. Though our judgment will, upon the whole, decide in favour of Raphael ; yet he never takes that firm hold and entire possession of the mind, in such a manner as to desire nothing else, and feel nothing wanting.

“ If we put those great artists in a light of comparison with each other, Raphael had more taste and fancy, Michael Angelo more genius and imagination. The one excelled in beauty, the other in energy. Michael Angelo has more of the poetical inspiration ; his ideas are vast and sublime ; his people are a superior order of beings ; there is nothing about them, nothing in the air of their actions, or their attitudes, or the style and cast of their very limbs or features, that puts one in mind of their belonging to our own species. Raphael's imagination is not so elevated ; his figures are not so much disjoined from our own diminutive race of beings ; though his ideas are chaste, noble, and of great conformity to their subjects. Michael Angelo's

works have a strong, peculiar, and marked character: they seem to proceed from his own mind entirely, and that mind so rich and abundant, that he never needed, or seemed to disdain, to look abroad for foreign help. Raphael's materials are generally borrowed, though the noble structure is his own.

“ The excellency of this extraordinary man lay in the propriety, beauty, and majesty of his characters, his judicious contrivance of his composition, correctness of drawing, purity of taste, and the skilful accommodation of other men's conceptions to his own purpose. Nobody excelled him in that judgment, with which he united to his own observations on nature, the energy of Michael Angelo, and the beauty and simplicity of the antique. To the question, therefore, which ought to hold the first rank, Raphael or Michael Angelo, it must be answered, that if it is to be given to him who possessed a greater combination of the higher qualities of the art, than any other man, there is no doubt but Raphael is the first: but if, according to Longinus, the sublime, being the highest excellence that human composition can attain to, abundantly compensates the absence of every other beauty, and atones for all other deficiencies, then Michael Angelo demands the preference.”

The President having thus compared the excellencies of Raphael and Michael Angelo in the great style, observes, that there is another, which, though inferior, has great merit, because it shews a lively and vigorous imagination. This he calls the original or characteristical style: as the most striking example of this style, he mentions Salvator Rosa.

“ This master, says he, gives us a peculiar cast of nature, which, though void of all grace, elegance, and simplicity, though it has nothing of that elevation and dignity which belongs to the grand style, yet, has that sort of dignity which belongs to savage and uncultivated nature: but what is most to be admired in him, is, the perfect correspondence which he observed between the subjects which he chose, and his manner of treating them. Every thing is of a piece: his rocks, trees, sky, even to his handling have the same rude and wild character, which animates his figures.”

With Salvator Rosa our author contrasts Carlo Maratti, who practised all the rules of art, and whose style was without manifest defects, and without striking beauties.

He proceeds to contrast Rubens and Poussin with great judgment and precision.

“ In Rubens, says he, art is too apparent. His figures have expression, and act with energy, but without simplicity or dignity. His colouring, in which he is eminently skilled, is notwithstanding too much what we call tinted. Throughout the whole of his works, there is a proportionable want of that nicety of distinction, and elegance of mind, which is required in the higher walks of painting; and to this want it may be, in some degree, ascribed, that those qualities which make the excellency of this subordinate style appear in him with greater lustre. Indeed, the facility with which he invented, the richness of his composition, the luxuriant harmony and brilliancy of his colouring, so dazzle the eye, that, whilst his works continue before us,

we cannot help thinking, that all his deficiencies are fully supplied.

“ Opposed to this florid, careless, loose, and inaccurate style, that of the simple, careful, pure, and correct style of Poussin, seems to be a compleat contrast.

“ Yet, however opposite their characters, in one thing they agreed, both of them having a perfect correspondence between all the parts of their respective manners.

“ Poussin lived and conversed with the ancient statues so long, that he may be said to be better acquainted with them, than with the people who were about him.

“ No works of any modern have so much of the air of antique painting. His best performances have a remarkable dryness of manner, which, though by no means to be recommended for imitation; yet seems perfectly correspondent to that ancient simplicity which distinguishes his style.

“ The favourite subjects of Poussin, were ancient fables; and no painter was ever better qualified to paint such subjects, not only from his being eminently skilled in the knowledge of ceremonies, customs, and habits of the ancients, but from his being so well acquainted with the different characters which those who invented them gave their allegorical figures. Though Rubens has shewn great fancy in his satyrs, silenuses, and fauns, yet they are not that distinct, separate class of beings, which is carefully exhibited by the ancients, and by Poussin.

“ Certainly when such subjects of antiquity are represented, nothing in the picture ought to remind us of modern times. The mind is thrown back into antiquity, and nothing ought to be in-

troduced, that may tend to awaken it from the illusion.

“ If Poussin, in imitation of the ancients, represents Apollo driving his chariot out of the sea, by way of representing the sun rising, if he personifies lakes and rivers, it is no ways offensive in him; but seems perfectly of a piece with the general air of the picture. On the contrary, if the figures which people his pictures had a modern air or countenance; if they appeared like our countrymen, if the draperies were like cloth or silk of our manufacture, if the landscape had the appearance of a modern view, how ridiculous would Apollo appear instead of the sun, an old man or a nymph with an urn, instead of a river or lake.

“ Upon the whole, says our author, it appears, that, setting aside the ornamental style, there are two different paths, either of which a student may take, without degrading the dignity of his art. The first is to combine the higher excellencies, and embellish them to the greatest advantage: the other is to carry one of these excellencies to the highest degree. But those who possess neither, must be classed with them, who, as Shakespeare says, are men of no mark or likelihood.”

We have made this article long, but for this we may rather plead merit, than make an apology, as the critical opinion of so great a master, concerning the comparative merits of those whose works have so long been the subject of enthusiastic admiration, cannot fail of giving very great entertainment to our readers.

Curious Extracts from Mr. Burney's Journal of his Voyage down the Iser and the Danube, from Munich to Vienna, through Countries which are seldom travelled by Englishmen, and of which we have very little Knowledge.

I Went from Munich to Vienna, down the two rivers Iser and Danube; and as the musical incidents during this voyage are but few, and no itinerary or book of travels, that I remember to have seen, has described the course of these rivers, or the method by which persons are conveyed upon them, from one place to another, I shall not scruple to add to my few musical memorandums, such other remarks and observations as I find set down in my miscellaneous journal.

The Iser, upon which the city of Munich is situated, and which empties itself into the Danube, about an hundred miles below, though very rapid, is too much spread and scattered into different channels, to be sufficiently deep for a bark, or any kind of passage-boat, that has a bottom, to float upon it. The current of this river is even too rapid for any thing to be brought back against it; but Bavaria being a country abounding with wood, particularly fir, rafts, or floats made of those trees, lashed together, are carried down the stream, at the rate of seventy or eighty miles a-day. Upon these rafts, a booth is built for passengers in common; but if any one chuses to have a cabin to himself, he may have it built for about four florins. I preferred this, not only to avoid bad company and heat, but to get an opportunity of writ-

ing and digesting my thoughts and memorandums, being at this time very much in arrears with my musical journal.

I quitted Munich at two o'clock in the afternoon. The weather was intensely hot, and I was furnished with no means of tempering it; a clear sky and burning sun, reflected from the water, having rendered my fir cabin as insupportable as the open air. It was constructed of green boards, which exuded as much turpentine as would have vanquished all the aromatics of Arabia.

As I was utterly ignorant of the country, through which I was to pass, and the accommodations it would afford, all that my foresight had suggested to me, in the way of furniture and provisions, were a mattraß, blanket, and sheets; some cold meat, with bread, and a bottle of wine; there was water in plenty always at hand. But I soon found myself in want of many other things; and, if I were ever to perform this voyage again, which I hope will never happen, experience would enable me to render the cabin a tolerable residence, for a week or ten days.

In quitting Munich by water, the city is a beautiful object; but the country we passed through is a wretched one, to all appearance; there being nothing but willows, sedge, sand, and gravel in sight. The water was so shallow in several places, that I thought our float would have stuck fast. At six o'clock we arrived at Freising, the see and sovereignty of a prince bishop; his palace is placed on a high hill at a little distance from the town, which is on another hill, and looks very pretty from the

water.

water-side. I would not go on shore to pay for a bad bed and supper, with which I was already furnished in my cabin; my servant, however, went with the common company, which amounted to upwards of fifty persons, in order to get some fresh bread, but which the place did not afford.

There had been no rain in these parts of Germany for six weeks; but, when we arrived at Freising, I saw a little black cloud to the westward, which, in less than half an hour, produced the most violent storm of thunder, lightning, rain, and wind, that I ever remember to have seen. I really expected every moment, that the lightning would have set fire to my cabin; it continued all night with prodigious fury, so that my man could not get back, and I was left on the water, sole inhabitant of the float, which was secured by a hawser to a wooden bridge.

Two square holes were cut in the boards of my cabin, one on each side, by way of window; the pieces were to serve as casements; one of these was lost, so that I was forced to fasten with pins, a handkerchief against the hole, to keep out wind and rain; but it answered the purpose very ill, and moreover, it rained in, at an hundred different places; drop, drip, drop, throughout my little habitation, sometimes on my face, sometimes on my legs, and always somewhere or other. This, with the violent flashes of lightning and bursts of thunder, kept off drowfiness; luckily, perhaps, for I might have caught cold, sleeping in the wet. I had been told, that the people of Bavaria were, at least, three hundred years behind the rest of Europe

in philosophy, and useful knowledge. Nothing can cure them of the folly of ringing the bells whenever it thunders, or persuade them to put up conductors to their public buildings; though the lightning here is so mischievous, that last year, no less than thirteen churches were destroyed by it, in the electorate of Bavaria. The recollection of this, had not the effect of an opiate upon me; the bells in the town of Freising were jingling the whole night, to remind me of their fears, and the real danger I was in. I lay on the mattress, as far as I could from my sword, pistols, watch-chain, and every thing that might serve as a conductor. I never was much frightened by lightning before, but now I wished for one of Dr. Franklin's beds, suspended by silk cords in the middle of a large room. I weathered it out till morning, without a wink of sleep; my servant told me, that the inn on shore was miserable; it rained into every room of the house, and no provisions could be found for these fifty people, but black bread and beer, boiled up with two or three eggs.

At six, we got into motion, the rain and wind continuing with great fury, and from violent heat, the air grew so chill and cold, that I found it impossible to keep myself warm with all the things I could put on. For though I added to my dress a pair of thick shoes, woollen stockings, a flannel waistcoat, great-coat and night-gown, with all the warm garments in my possession, yet I was benumbed with cold.

We advanced for two hours through a dreary country, when I was able to desert, but the weather

was so bad, that I could not often examine it. At ten o'clock some fir trees appeared, which enlivened the view, and at eleven, nothing else could be seen on either side. There was a very high and steep shore on the right, covered with firs, and on the left, trees scattered near the water, and groves at a distance. At eleven, the fleet stopped at Landshut, where the passengers dined. I stuck to my cabin and cold meat: if it had not rained in, I should have thought myself very well off; but, in my present circumstances I was so uncomfortable, that I could not, for a long time, write a word in my journal books, the weather had so lowered my spirits, and stiffened my fingers; however, towards the afternoon, I made an effort, and transcribed many things from my tablets, which were full. At six o'clock, the float stopped at Dingelsing; in the evening I got a candle, which was a luxury denied to me the night before in the thunder-storm. Rain, rain, eternal rain, and wind, made the water nothing less than pleasant.

The next morning was clear, but cold. The passengers landed at Landau about ten; at one we entered the Danube, which did not appear so vast a river here, as I expected. However, it grew larger as we descended: we stopped at two o'clock at a miserable village, with a fine convent in it, however. Here the wind became so violent, that I thought every minute it would have carried away both my cabin and myself; at three, it was determined to stay here all night, as it was not safe to stir during this wind; but as this seems, and is called, *Le Pais des ventes*, it was an exercise for patience to be stopped at

a place, where I had nothing to do. My provisions grew short and stale, and there were none of any kind to be had here!

I had suffered so much the night before, that I now seriously set about contriving how to keep myself warm. The blanket bought at Munich for me, by my knave, or fool of a servant, and which I had not seen soon enough to change, was a second-hand one, and so filthy, ragged, and likely to contain all kinds of vermin, and perhaps diseases, that hitherto I could not find in my heart to touch it; however, cold and hunger will tame the proudest stomachs. I put the blanket over the sheet, and was gladdened by its warmth.

At three in the morning, the passengers were called, and soon after the float was in motion; it was now a huge and unwieldy machine, a quarter of a mile long, and loaded with deals, hogheads, and lumber of all kinds. The sun rose very bright; but at six there was a strong easterly wind, full in our teeth, and so great a fog, that not a single object could be seen on either side the river.

When I agreed to live night and day, for a week, upon the water, I forgot to bargain for warm weather; and now it was so cold, that I could scarcely hold the pen, though but the 27th of August! I have often observed, that when the body is cold, the mind is chilled likewise; and this was now so much the case with myself, that I had neither spirits nor ideas for working at my musical journal.

At eight o'clock we stopped at Vilchöfen, a sweet situation. Here is a wooden bridge, of sixteen arches, over the Danube. The hills on the opposite

opposite side of the town, are covered with wood, and exceedingly beautiful. The fog was dissipated, and the sun now shone on them in great glory. There is a gentle visit here from the custom-house officers; the seals were cut off my trunk, being the last town in Bavaria. They threatened hard as to the severe examination I was to undergo upon entering Austria; however, I had little to lose, except time; and that was now too precious to be patiently parted with to these inquisitorial robbers.

At half an hour past nine we set off for Passau, in very fine weather, which revived my spirits, and enabled me to hold my pen. The Danube abounds in rocks, some above water, and some below, which occasions a great noise by the rapidity of the current, running over, or against them.

We met this morning a gang of boats, laden with salt, from Saltzburgh and Passau, dragged up the river by more than forty horses, a man on each, which expence is so great, as to enhance the price of that commodity above four hundred per cent. We did not seem to move so fast now as upon the Iser, which had frequent cascades; and sometimes the float dipped so deep, as to have three or four feet of water rush suddenly into my cabin.

Passau is the boldest, and at the same time the pleasantest situation, that I ever saw. The town is built on the side and summit of a steep hill, on the right of the Danube. There is a hill on the other side, answering to that on which the town is built; however, there are but few houses upon it.

At the end of this town, is the confluence of three rivers; the *Inn*,

on the right hand; the *Ilz*, on the left; and the *Danube* in the middle. After this junction, the Danube becomes more and more rapid: the shore on each side, for a considerable way below Passau, has hills and rocks as high as those at Bristol; but these are covered with spruce fir-trees and box, and look much less terrible, though quite as high. These rocks deprived us of the sun at three in the afternoon. About four miles below Passau, Austria is on the left, and Bavaria on the right, as far as Ingelhartzeil, when we were fairly entered into Austria. Here is the custom-house with which I had been threatened, and which I approached with trepidation; but my trunk was not opened, and nothing was examined except my writing-box, which the officers would have unlocked. A seal was, however, set on my trunk, which I hoped would have enabled me to pass on to Vienna, without further plague, and then I expected to pay for all.

Thus far the Danube runs between two high mountains, and sometimes it is so compressed and shut up, as to be narrower than the Thames at Mortlake. The descent is often so considerable, that the water cannot be seen at the distance of a quarter of a mile, and sometimes the noise against rocks is as violent, and as loud as a cataract.

At the entrance into Austria the value of money is lowered; so that a silver piece, worth twelve *creuzers*, in Bavaria, is instantly lowered to ten; a florin, of sixty *creuzers*, becomes only worth fifty; a ducat of five florins, is lowered to four florins, twelve *creuzers*; and a sovereign of fifteen florins, to twelve

twelve florins, thirty creuzers; a louis d'or, from eleven to nine florins, twelve creuzers; and a great crown to two florins.

We went upwards of eight leagues, between two mountains, and stopt for the night, at a wretched place, which afforded no kind of refreshment; though I had indulged the hope of supplying myself here for two days to come, which being Friday and Saturday, among Austrian catholics, I knew would be kept strictly *maigre*.

I had now filled up the chinks of my cabin with splinters, and with hay; got a new button to the door, reconciled myself to my filthy blanket, and made a pair of snuffers out of a chip of deal; but alas! the essential failed: this was all external, and I wanted internal comfort! the last bit of my cold meat was fly-blown, to such a degree, that, ravenous as I was, I threw it into the Danube; bread too, that staff was broken! and nothing but *Pompernickl* was to be had here; which is so black and sour, as to disgust two senses at a time.

Friday morning, August 28th. This river continues running through the same woody, wild, and romantic country; which, to pass through, is pleasant and entertaining, to a stranger, but produces nothing, except firing, to the poor inhabitants. For fifty miles not a corn field or pasture is to be seen. Sheep, oxen, calves, and pigs, are all utter strangers in this land. I asked what was behind these mountains, and was answered, huge forests. At Asch the country opens a little.

What an aggregate of waters is here! river after river, comes tumbling into the Danube, and yet it grows rather more deep than wide, by these accessions; but many small rivers detach themselves from it, and islands are frequently formed in the middle and sides of this world of waters: before we arrived at Lintz, however, a flat fenny country appeared, with high mountains, covered with trees, at a distance.

L I N T Z.

THE approach to this town, by water, is very beautiful. There is a road on each side the Danube, at the foot of high mountains and rocks, covered with trees, by which the river is again bounded. The castle is seen at a distance, and houses and convents, upon the summit of some of the highest hills, have a fine appearance. There is a bridge over the Danube of twenty very wide arches. The town is built on the summit and sides of high hills, and in situation much resembles Passau. The churches were shut up, as it was twelve o'clock when we arrived; however, I obtained permission to enter the collegiate church, where I found a large organ.

There is such an appearance of piety here, as I never saw before in the most bigoted catholic countries. All along the Danube, near any town, there are little chapels erected, at only twenty or thirty yards distance from each other, sometimes on the sides of these mountains, and in places too narrow for a foot-path*; and I saw not a house in

* These chapels are not sufficiently spacious to contain either persons or priest, they are only intended as receptacles for a crucifix or a virgin.

Lintz that had not a virgin or a saint, painted or carved, upon it.

I walked about the town for near two hours. It was market day, though but for poor stuff; as nothing eatable appeared, perhaps, because it was Friday, but *Brod*, vile cheese, bad apples, pears, and plumbs; and of other wares, only tape, toys, ordinary Missals, and wretched prints of virgins and saints. I saw not a good shop in the town, though there are many showy and fine houses. Gable ends and pear-topt steeples, in the Bavarian style, are still in fashion here.

At Spieburg, which is only the shell of an old castle, upon a little island, is the first of the two water-falls in the Danube, said to be so dangerous; however, now, there was nothing formidable in it but the noise.

Ens, a large city, is here in sight, upon the right hand; we went through an ugly country till it was dark; the river is sometimes like a sea, so wide that there is scarce any land in sight; at other times it is broken, and divided into small streams, by islands. The raft stopt at a hovel, on the left bank of the river, where the passengers landed, and spent the night. I remained in my cabin, where, I believe, I was much better off, as to bed, than any of them; but, for provisions, we were all on a footing. Pierre, with great difficulty, clambered up the rocks, to a village, and procured me half a dozen eggs, with which he returned in triumph. But, alas! two of them were addled, and a third had a chicken in it; which, being fast day, I could not in conscience eat.

Saturday, we set off at five

o'clock, but were stopt, after having gone three or four miles, by a violent fog, which rendered the navigation dangerous, among so many rocks, shoals, and islands. When this was dispelled, we soon reached Strudel, which is situated in a wilder country than ever I saw in passing the Alps. Here is the famous water-fall and whirlpool, which the Germans so much dread, that they say it is the habitation of *der Zeufel*; however, they had talked so much about it, that it appeared to me less formidable than I expected. The shooting London-bridge is worse, though not attended with more noise. The company prayed and crossed themselves most devoutly: but though it may, especially in winter, be a very dangerous pass in a boat, this raft may dip into the water, but it covers such a surface, that it cannot possibly either sink or be overset.

At Ips, a pretty town, with a new, handsome, and large *caserne*, or barrack, just by it, the country opens, and is very beautiful. Hereabouts they begin to make Austrian wine: the white wine is a pretty, pleasant sort, but small.

At Melk, on the right of the Danube, is a most magnificent convent of Benedictines; it seems to cover two thirds of the town; the architecture is beautiful, and it has the appearance of being but lately built: here are vines all along the shore, on the left hand. Harvest was quite got in hereabouts; indeed there is but little appearance of agriculture in this wild country. I believe I remarked before, that the quantity of useless woods and forests, in several parts of Germany, indicate a barbarous and savage people; and, to say the truth,

truth, except in the great trading towns, or those where sovereign princes reside, the Germans seem very rude and uncultivated.

The country becomes more and more wild, as far as Stein. The rocks were often so high, on each side, as to prevent us from seeing the sun at two or three o'clock in the afternoon. At Stein there is a wooden bridge of twenty-five or twenty-six very wide arches, which leads to Krems, where the Jesuits have a most sumptuous college, beautifully situated on a hill; it has more the appearance of a royal palace, than any thing that we can boast of in England. Stein is on the left, and Krems on the right hand of the Danube, going down. Here our float anchored for the night, though it was but five o'clock: indeed it had not flopt, except early in the morning, for the fog, the whole day. We had now near fifty miles to Vienna; and the scoundrel *Flockmeister*, or waterman, assured me, and every body at Munich, that we should certainly be there on Saturday night.

At Krems there is an immense organ, in the Jesuits' church. Here, and all the way to Vienna, the common people, in the public houses, and the labourers, at their work, divert themselves with singing in two, and sometimes more parts. Near Ips there was a great number of Bohemian women, whom we should call gypsies, on a pilgrimage to St. Mary *Tafel*, a church placed on the summit of a very high mountain, facing the town of Ips, on the other side the Danube. No one could inform me why it was called St. Mary *Tafel*; but, in all probability, it had this appellation

from the form of the mountain on which it is placed, which resembles a table. These women, however, did not sing in parts, like the Austrians, but in *canto fermo*, like the pilgrims that I heard in Italy, who were going to Affisi; the sound was carried several miles, by the stream and wind, down the river, upon whose smooth surface it passed, without interruption.

The musical events of this week are so trivial, as scarce to deserve recording. I must, however, add, to what I have already said, concerning the turn for music which I found among the Austrians, that at Stein, opposite Krems, I heard several songs and hymns, sung very well, in four parts; who were the singers I could not learn, as I was on the water; but it was a fortunate circumstance for me to be placed, by accident, where I heard as good a performance as could have been procured by premeditation and design; it was a woman who sung the upper part, and the melody was not only expressed with simplicity, but the harmony had all the advantages of being swelled and diminished, which, to me, had the effect of advancing and retreating; and the performers seemed to understand each other, and what they were about, so well, that each chord had that kind of equality, in all its parts, which is given to the same number of notes, when played upon the swell of an organ. At this place the soldiers, and almost all the young people that were walking by the water side, were frequently singing, and never in less than two parts.

It is not easy to account for this facility of singing in different parts, in the people of one country, more than

than in those of another: whether it arises in Roman catholic countries, from the frequency of hearing music sung in parts, in their churches, I cannot say; but of this I am certain, that in England it costs infinite trouble, both to the master and scholar, before a young practitioner in singing is able to perform, with firmness, an under part to the most simple melody imaginable; and I never remember hearing the ballad singers, in the streets of London, or in our country towns, attempt singing in two different parts.

Sunday, August 30. This day was trifled away without getting to Vienna with the float, as I had been fully made to expect: an officer on board, tried with me to procure a land carriage for that purpose, but in vain. As we approached Vienna, the country became less savage. There are vineyards on the sides of all the hills, and large islands innumerable which divide the Danube.

Tuln is a little fortified town, with a *fine* church, and a *fine* convent, which, with a *fine* custom-house, usually constitute all the *finery* of Austria.

At Kor Neuburgh, there is a very strong citadel, on the summit of an extreme high hill, which commands the river and city.

At Nussdorf, a village within three miles of Vienna, with nothing in it but a church and custom-house, I was quite out of patience, at being told, that the float could not, as it was Sunday, on any account, enter Vienna. It was now but five o'clock, and the seventh day of my being immured in a sty, where indeed I might have grown fat if I had any thing to eat; but that not

being the case, hunger as well as loss of time, made me very impatient to be released; and after an hour lost in trying to procure a chaise, I at last got a miserable boat to carry me and my servant to Vienna.

This voyage added but little to my knowledge of German music, but a great deal to that of the people, and country through which I passed: indeed I had an opportunity of landing at every considerable town in the passage, where I visited the churches, though I had not time to make acquaintance with musical people, or to collect historical materials; but as to *national music*, perhaps the rude songs which I heard sung by the boors and watermen, gave me a more genuine idea of it, than is to be acquired from the corrupted, motley, and Italianised melody, to be heard in the capitals of this extensive country.

Of the Carillons, or Chimes, in the Low Countries; from the same.

OUR author being at Ghent says, I determined to inform myself, in a particular manner, concerning the *carillon* science. For this purpose, I mounted the town belfrey, from whence I had a full view, not only of the city of Ghent, which is reckoned one of the largest in Europe, but could examine the mechanism of the chimes, as far as they are played by clock work, and likewise see the *Carillonneurs* perform with a kind of keys communicating with bells, as those of the harpsicord and organ do with strings and pipes.

I soon found that the chimes in these

these countries had a greater number of bells than those of the largest peal in England; but, when I mounted the belfrey, I was astonished at the great quantity of bells I saw; in short, there is a complete series or scale of tones and semi-tones, like those on the harpsicord and organ. The *Carillonneur* was literally *at work*, and *hard work* indeed it must be; he was in his shirt with the collar unbuttoned, and in a violent sweat. There are pedals communicating with the great bells, upon which, with his feet, he played the base to several sprightly and rather difficult airs, performed with the two hands upon the upper species of keys. These keys are projecting sticks, wide enough asunder to be struck with violence and velocity by either of the two hands edgeways, without the danger of hitting the neighbouring keys. The player has a thick leather covering for the little finger of each hand, otherwise it would be impossible for him to support the pain which the violence of the stroke necessary to be given to each key, in order to its being distinctly heard throughout a very large town, requires.

The *carillons* are said to be originally of Alost, in this country, and are still here, and in Holland, in their greatest perfection. It is certainly a Gothic invention, and perhaps a barbarous taste, which neither the French, the English, nor the Italians have imitated or encouraged. The *Carillonneur*, at my request, played several pieces very dexterously, in three parts, the first and second treble with the two hands on the upper set of keys, and the base with the feet on the pedals.

The *Carillonneur* plays four times a week, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from half an hour past eleven till twelve o'clock: it is constant employment for a watch or clock maker to attend the works of the common chimes; here he has an apartment under the belfrey, and it is by him that the *Carillonneur* is paid. This place and Antwerp are, according to the inhabitants, the most celebrated cities in the Netherlands, and perhaps in the world, for carillons and chimes.

The great convenience of this kind of music is, that it entertains the inhabitants of a whole town, without giving them the trouble of going to any particular spot to hear it; but the want of something to stop the vibration of each bell, at the pleasure of the player, like the valves of an organ, and the red cloth in the jacks of a harpsicord, is an intolerable defect to a cultivated ear: for by the notes of one passage perpetually running into another, every thing is rendered so inarticulate and confused as to occasion a very disagreeable jargon. As to the clock-work chimes, or those worked by a barrel, nothing, to my thinking, can be more tiresome; for, night and day, to hear the same tune played every hour, during six months, in such a stiff and unalterable manner, requires that kind of patience, which nothing but a total absence of taste can produce.

[To illustrate this account, and shew the extent and strength of the passion for chimes, we shall attend our author to Amsterdam, where a man, whose merit and genius deserved a better fate, is doomed

to be the most extraordinary *Carillonneur*, that, perhaps, the world ever produced.]

THIS is truly the country of chimes; every quarter of an hour a tune is played by them at all the churches; but so indistinctly, on account of the confluence of sounds, that I was seldom able to discover what was playing.

M. Renard, his majesty's agent, to whom I am indebted for all the information I acquired during my residence in this city, did me the favour to carry me to the organist of the Old Kerk, M. Pothoff, who is blind; he was deprived of his sight, at seven years old, by the small pox; and this misfortune first suggested to his friends the thought of making music, which hitherto had afforded him no pleasure, his profession; and it afterwards became his darling amusement.

M. Pothoff was organist of the Wester Kerk twenty-two years before he obtained this place; his hand, taste, and abilities in every particular, are truly astonishing; the touch of this instrument is the heaviest that I ever felt, each key requiring almost a two-pound weight to put it down; and, to play it full, there is a spring of communication, by which the keys of the great and choir organ are moved, at the same time, which likewise adds very much to the stiffness of the touch; however, such is the force of M. Pothoff's hand, that he plays this organ with as much lightness and rapidity, as if it were a common harpsicord.

This admirable organist was never out of Amsterdam except for a few days at the Hague, many years ago; and yet his taste is of the best

modern kind; his *appogiaturas* are well taken, and admirably expressed, his fancy is extremely lively, and though he plays very full, seldom in less than five parts, with the manuals and pedals together, yet, it is neither in the dry nor crude way, which I had so frequently heard in Germany. He discovered, though not injudiciously, by many of his passages, that he was a harpsicord player; but so well is he acquainted with the different genius of the organ, that his most rapid flights, of which he had many, occasioned none of those unpleasing vacuities of sound, which so commonly happen, when this instrument is touched by mere harpsichord players.

At noon I attended M. Pothoff to the tower of the *Stad-huys*, or town-house, of which he is *carillonneur*; it is a drudgery unworthy of such a genius; he has had this employment however, many years, having been elected to it at thirteen. He had very much astonished me on the organ, after all that I had heard in the rest of Europe; but in playing those bells, his amazing dexterity raised my wonder much higher; for he executed with his two hands passages that would be very difficult to play with the ten fingers; shakes, beats, swift divisions, triplets, and even *arpeggios* he has contrived to vanquish.

He began with a Psalm tune, with which their High Mightinesses are chiefly delighted, and which they require at his hands whenever he performs, which is on Tuesdays and Fridays; he next played variations upon the Psalm tune, with great fancy, and even taste: when he had performed this task, he was

so obliging as to play a quarter of an hour extempore, in such a manner as he thought would be more agreeable to me than psalmody; and in this he succeeded so well, that I sometimes forgot both the difficulty and defects of the instrument; he never played in less than three parts, marking the base and the measure constantly with the pedals. I never heard a greater variety of passages, in so short a time; he produced effects by the *pianos* and *fortes*, and the *crescendo* in the shake, both as to loudness and velocity, which I did not think possible upon an instrument that seemed to require little other merit, than force in the performer.

But surely this was a barbarous invention, and there is barbarity in the continuance of it; if M. Pothoff had been put into Dr. Dominicetti's hottest human cauldron for an hour, he could not have perspired more violently than he did after a quarter of an hour of this furious exercise; he stripped to his shirt, put on his night-cap, and trussed up his sleeves for this *execution*; and he said he was forced to go to bed the instant it was over, in order to prevent his catching cold, as well as to recover himself; he being usually so much exhausted, as to be utterly unable to speak.

By the little attention that is paid to this performer, extraordinary as he is, it should seem as if some hewer of wood, and drawer of water, whose coarse constitution, and gross habit of body, required frequent sudorifics, would do the business, equally to the satisfaction of such unskilful and unfeeling hearers.

I have described the kind of keys

to *carillons*, and manner of playing them, in speaking of those at Ghent; these at Amsterdam, have three octaves, with all the semitones complete, in the manual, and two octaves in the pedals: each key for the natural sound, projects near a foot; and those for the flats and sharps, which are placed several inches higher, only half as much. All the keys are separated from each other, more than the breadth of a key, which is about an inch and a half, to enable the player to avoid hitting two at a time, with one hand.

Besides these *carillons à clavier*, the chimes here, played by clock-work, are much celebrated. The brass cylinder, on which the tunes are set, weighs 4474 pounds, and has 7200 iron studs fixed in it, which, in the rotation of the cylinder, give motion to the clappers of the bells. If their High Mightinesses' judgment, as well as taste, had not failed them, for half the prime cost of this expensive machine, and its real charge for repairs, new setting, and constant attendance, they might have had one of the best bands in Europe: but those who can be charmed with *barrel music*, certainly neither want, nor deserve better. There is scarce a church belonging to the Calvinists, in Amsterdam, without its chimes, which not only play the same tunes every quarter of an hour, for three months together, without their being changed; but, by the difference of clocks, one has scarce five minutes quiet in the four and twenty hours, from these *corals for grown gentlemen*. In a few days time I had so thorough a surfeit of them, that in as many months, I really believe, if they had

had not first deprived me of hearing, I should have hated music in general.

CURIOUS ANECDOTES; *from the same.*

Of the popular Diversions in Vienna.

THE diversions for the common people of this place, are such as seem hardly fit for a civilized and polished nation to allow. Particularly the *combats*, as they are called, or baiting of wild beasts, in a manner much more savage and ferocious than our bull-baiting, throwing at cocks, and prize-fighting of old; to which the legislature has so wisely and humanely put a stop.

The most exact and least suspicious description I can give of these diversions will be literally to translate a hand-bill, such as is distributed through the streets every Sunday and festival.

“ This day, by imperial licence,
“ in the great amphitheatre, at
“ five o’clock will begin the following diversions.

“ 1st. A wild Hungarian ox;
“ in full fire, (that is, with fire
“ under his tail, and crackers fastened to his ears and horns; and
“ to other parts of his body), will
“ be set upon by dogs.

“ 2d. A wild boar will, in the
“ same manner; be baited by
“ dogs.

“ 3d. A great bear will, immediately after; be torn by dogs.

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“ 4th. A wolf will be hunted
“ by dogs of the fleetest kind.

“ 5th. A very furious and enraged wild bull from Hungary;
“ will be attacked by fierce and
“ hungry dogs.

“ 6th. A fresh bear will be attacked by hounds.

“ 7th. Will appear a fierce wild
“ boar; just caught; which will
“ now be baited for the first time;
“ by dogs defended with iron armour.

“ 8th. A beautiful African tiger.

“ 9th. This will be changed for
“ a bear.

“ 10th. A fresh and fierce Hungarian ox.

“ 11th. And lastly, a furious
“ and hungry bear, which has had
“ no food for eight days, will attack a young wild bull, and eat
“ him alive upon the spot; and if
“ he is unable to complete the business, a wolf will be ready to
“ help him.”

These barbarous spectacles, are usually attended by two or three thousand people, among whom are a great number of ladies!

Incidents relative to the Roads, and the Manner of Travelling in Germany.

BEFORE I proceed further in my musical narrative, I must make two or three memorandums concerning the villainous and rascally behaviour of postmasters and postillions, in this part of the world; the effects of which it is impossible to escape. In going over the mountains of Wetteravia, under the pretence

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tence of bad roads, *three* horses were tied to the hurdle, called a post-chaise, and after I had once submitted to this imposition, I never was allowed to stir with less. At Frankfort I tried hard, but in vain, though the inn-keeper and his guests, who were natives, all assured me, that they never had more than two horses, when they travelled *extra post*; yet here, though no mountains were to be crossed, the sands were made a plea, notwithstanding the roads from Frankfort to Mannheim are, in every particular, the least bad of any that I had yet travelled in Germany.

The women, among the common people in the country, are miserably ugly, not, perhaps, so much in feature, as from dress, and a total neglect of complexion. They entirely hide their hair, by a kind of skull-cap, usually made of tawdry linen or cotton; they are hardly ever seen with shoes and stockings, though the men are furnished with both, such as they are.

I could wish to speak of these people with candour and temper, in despite of the bile which every stranger, travelling among them, must feel at work within him; but, as I neither mean to abuse or flatter them, I must say, that the numberless beggars, clamorously importunate, though often young, fat, robust, and fit for any labour; the embarrassments of perpetual change and loss of money; the extortion, sullenness, and insolence of postmasters and postilions, are intolerably vexatious.

BOHEMIA.

My journey through this country, was one of the most fa-

tiguing I ever took in my life; for though the road, in general, is very good, for a German road, yet my want of time, which obliged me to travel night and day; the excessive heat and cold of the weather, occasioned by the presence and absence of the sun; together with bad horses, and diabolical waggons, used as chaises, exhausted both my spirits and my patience.

The country is flat, naked, and disagreeable to the eye, for the most part, all the way through Austria, Moravia, and Bohemia, as far as Prague, the situation and environs of which are very beautiful.

The dearth and scarcity of provisions, of all kinds, on this road, were now excessive; and the half-starved people, just recovered from malignant fevers, little less contagious than the plague, occasioned by bad food, and by no food at all, offered to view the most melancholy spectacles I ever beheld.

No refreshments of any kind were to be found, till I arrived at Colin, a village rendered famous, by the battle fought near it in the last war; here a pigeon, and half a pint of miserable sour wine, cost me three or four shillings; till now I had subsisted on bread and water, except one pint of milk, which I obtained with difficulty, and which cost me fourteen *creusers*, about seven-pence English.

I had frequently been told, that the Bohemians were the most musical people of Germany, or, perhaps, of all Europe; and an eminent German composer, now in London, had declared to me, that if they enjoyed the same advantages

pages as the Italians, they would excel them.

I never could suppose effects without a cause; nature, though often partial to individuals, in her distribution of genius and talents, is never so to a whole people. Climate contributes greatly to the forming of customs and manners; and it is, I believe, certain, that those who inhabit hot climates, are more delighted with music than those of cold ones; perhaps, from the auditory nerves being more irritable in the one than in the other, and from sound being propagated with greater facility: but I could by no means account for climate operating more in favour of music upon the Bohemians, than on their neighbours, the Saxons and Moravians.

I crossed the whole kingdom of Bohemia, from south to north; and being very assiduous in my enquiries, how the common people learned music, I found out at length, that, not only in every large town, but in all villages, where there is a reading and writing school, children of both sexes are taught music.

I quitted Prague, Thursday morning, September 17th, after many delays and plagues, incident to travellers in a foreign country.

The first post, to Sdieps, I travelled through a mountainous country, and cold thick fog; the second, to Weltrus, through a good road, and level, though naked country; here the weather was again very hot. Sour milk, and black four bread, *Pompernickel*, were thus far, all the refreshments that could be obtained.

At Budin, the next stage, I found a music school; and heard two of the poor boys perform in the street, one on the harp, and the other on the triangles, tolerably well.

At Lobeschutz, two or three stages from the confines of Saxony, there is likewise another school, with more than an hundred children, of both sexes, of which number all learn music who chuse it. I visited the church, which is small and neat, with a little plain organ in it; here the children, vocally and instrumentally, perform. I heard a considerable number of the boys practising on the fiddle, at school, but in a very coarse manner.

I hope I shall be excused, if I here relate a few of the hardships which I underwent, in the course of my journey through those parts of Germany; as the account of them may put future travellers on their guard, or, at least, prevent surprize, under similar circumstances.

And first, I must inform them that I did not meet with a chaise, or carriage, of any kind, that had a top, or covering, to protect passengers from heat, cold, wind, or rain, in my whole journey; and so violent are the jolts, and so hard are the seats of German post-waggons, that a man is rather kicked than carried from one place to another. Yet, for these wretched conveyances, when I travelled in them alone, *extra-posts*, as it is called, it cost me frequently at the rate of eighteen pence for each English mile: so great is the number of fees and taxes on this occasion: *Postgeld, Wagenfeld, Schossfeld, Schawergeld, Schmiergeld, Barrier-*
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geld, and *Drinkgeld*, to hundreds, but particularly to the *Stallknecht*, for getting *Pferden*, horses, ready in somewhat less than three hours*.

But such as are provided with a comfortable carriage, with beds, provisions, and a number of servants, and are so indifferent about expence, that they calmly submit to all kinds of impositions, as things of course, may be utterly ignorant of the sufferings of others who dread expence; and who are exposed to all the plagues of bad vehicles, bad horses, bad inns, and worse provisions, or who are unable to find either inns or provisions of any kind.

The excellent roads, inns, and carriages, throughout Great Britain, make an Englishman very unfit to encounter such hardships; but indeed they exceed those of most other countries in Europe so much, that to travel with a *Vittorino*, a *Procaccio*, or a *Corriere*, through the worst *Italian* roads, is ease and luxury, compared with what is suffered in Germany.

Of the Approaches to Berlin.

AFTER suffering the usual hardships of bad fare, bad roads, bad carriages, and bad horses, for two days and a night, in my way from Leipzig to Berlin; and being obliged, during that

time, to wait three or four hours, either in my open vehicle, or the open air, at each post-house, while horses were sought and fed with straw, wheels greased, and inevitable squabbles about the number of horses which I was to have, were adjusted, I arrived at Schwarmuth, within one post of Berlin.

When a traveller comes to a post-house, in this part of the world, with two horses, he is rudely teased to go out with *three*; and if he arrive with three, *four* are forced upon him, if possible, at his departure, and so on, *crescendo*, let the first number be what it will; and all this is transacted on the part of the post-master and his people, with an insolence and brutality so determined, that reasoning and remonstrating operate no otherwise than in rendering them more obstinate and malevolent. It seems a thing of necessity, for postilions, in every part of the world, to be greater brutes than those they drive: here, it is the case, *par excellence*; and so insatiable in their demands and expectations, are these sworn foes to man and beast, that I have frequently tried to part in peace and good humour with them, by more than doubling their stated and accustomed fees, but in vain: each claim was a hydra.

I quitted Schwarmuth at seven o'clock in the evening, in hopes

* For such of my readers as may be unacquainted with the language of their progenitors, the Saxons, it may be necessary to translate the names of the imposts above mentioned, into their English equivalents, of *horse-hire*, *chaise-hire*, *turnpikes*, *postilion*, *greasing wheels*, *toll at the gates*, on both sides each town, as well as *drink* to the ostler, and a swarm of helpers, who, in removing baggage, steal cordage, straps, and every thing which they can carry off undiscov-
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of getting to Berlin before midnight. The weather was now extremely disagreeable; rain was coming on, with a cold and furious north wind full in my face. The waggon with which I had been furnished, at the last post-house, was the worst and most defenceless that I had hitherto mounted; before nine o'clock, it rained violently, and became so dark, that the postilion lost his way, and descended from his place, in the front of the waggon, in order to feel for it with his hands; but being unable to distinguish any track of a carriage, he mounted again, and, in driving on, at a venture, got into a bog, on a bleak and barren heath, where we were stuck fast, and obliged to remain from eleven o'clock at night, till near six the next morning; when day-light enabled us to disentangle the horses and carriage, and discover the road to the capital of Brandenburg. It had never ceased raining and blowing the whole night; the cold was intense; and nothing could be more forlorn than my condition.

When I arrived at the gates of this city, about nine o'clock in the morning, Sept. 28th, I had hopes that I should have been suffered to pass peaceably to an inn, having received a passport at Trauenbritzen, the first Prussian town on the Saxony side, where I had submitted to a thorough rummage of my baggage, at the persuasion of the custom-house officers, who had assured me that it would prevent all future trouble upon entering Berlin. But this was merely to levy fees upon me, for, notwithstanding my passport, I was stop-

ped three quarters of an hour at the barrier, before I was taken into the custody of a centinel; who mounting my post-waggon, with his musket on his shoulder, and bayonet fixed, conducted me, like a prisoner, through the principal streets of the city, to the custom-house. Here I was detained in the yard more than two hours, shivering with cold, in all my wet garments, while every thing was taken out of my trunk and writing box, and examined as curiously as if I had just arrived at Dover, from the capital of France.

POTSDAM.

The road from Berlin hither, is through a deep running sand, like the worst parts of Norfolk and Suffolk, (where there are no turn-pikes,) till within a few miles of the town; and then it is through a wild forest of fir-trees, with lakes frequently in sight. Upon a nearer approach, there is a fine opening on the left hand, to a very large piece of water, and a beautiful view of the town, in which three towers, of the same size and shape, only appear, but these are elegant. The rest of the way is through a wood, cut into walks and rides, which intersect each other, and lead to different towns and villas.

The examination at the gates of this city, is the most minute and curious, both in going in, and out, which I have ever experienced in my travels; it could not be more rigorous at the postern of a town besieged. Name, character, whence, where, when, to whom recommended, business, stay, and several

ral other particulars, were demanded, to which the answers were all written down.

However, a stranger, upon his entrance into this city, is made some amends, by the variety and splendor of new objects, for the bad road, and difficulty of admission, which he has previously encountered.

The streets are the most regularly beautiful which I ever remember to have seen; the houses all seem to be built of white stone, though they are only of brick, stuccoed over, in imitation of stone. A canal, supplied by the river Havel, runs through the middle of the town, which is situated on an island, called the *Werder* of Potsdam, which implies *an island in a river*. This island is four German miles in circumference: the approach to Potsdam is over a very wide piece of water, by a stone bridge.

The number of houses in this city has been very much increased during the reign of his present majesty, and that of his father. At the beginning of this century, there were only two hundred houses, and at present there are at least two thousand, and seventeen thousand inhabitants, exclusive of the military, which amount to about eight thousand men.

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The squares, public buildings, and houses of individuals, in this city, are elegant and noble. The architecture of Palladio, in the Venetian state, is here very frequently and successfully copied. His ma-

jesty's present passion is for architecture, in which he is said to expend 200,000 l. sterl. a year. Potsdam is almost entirely new built, from his own designs, besides his new palace, near Sans-Souci, and innumerable houses and palaces in Berlin, constructed since the last war. Whenever a citizen is about building a house, either in his capital, or at Potsdam, his majesty furnishes the design, and is at the expence of building the front.

In visiting the principal streets and squares of this beautiful city, which is well-built, well-paved, magnificent, and new, I could not help observing, that foot passengers, were here, as well as in every other city of Europe, except London, exposed to accidents from being mixed with horses and carriages, as well as from the insolence and brutality of their riders and drivers, for want of a *foot-path* *.

I know not whether it has been remarked by writers of travels, that on the *Via Appia*, and other ancient roads in Italy, a place was set apart, on each side, for the convenience of pedestrians; and in visiting Pompeia, where an entire antique Roman street has been dug out, I observed the same thing. A Roman citizen, whether patrician, or plebeian, was a respectable character; and, perhaps, England is the only country, at present, where the common people are sufficiently respected, for their lives and limbs to be thought worth preserving.

The present rage for architecture, in his Prussian majesty, is carried on with such excess, that, in Pots-

* In Paris, a great number of citizens are annually killed and maimed for want of this retreat.

dam, buildings which have all the external grandeur and elegance of palaces, are made the habitations of common soldiers, who rather exist than live in them, upon five *creuxers*, two-pence-halfpenny, a-day. However, this passion is hereditary, for the late King of Prussia made it a condition, in bestowing offices and employments about his court and person, that each incumbent should build a house; reserving to himself the pleasure of planning and constructing the front.

S A N S-S O U C I.

There were innumerable things in and about this palace, which merited a minute examination; but I was obliged to hasten away, in order to be present at his majesty's evening concert, at Sans-Souci. I was carried thither between five and six o'clock in the evening, by an officer of the household, a privileged person, otherwise it would have been impossible for a stranger, like myself, to gain admission into a palace where the king resides; and even with my well-known guide, I underwent a severe examination, not only at going out of the gates at Potsdam, but at every door of the palace. When we arrived at the vestibule, we were met by M. de Catt, lecturer to his majesty, and member of the royal academy, to whom I had been furnished with a letter, who very politely attended my conductor and me the whole evening.

Some Instances of the inordinate Passion for Musick which prevails in the German Courts; from the same.

M A N H E I M.

I N summer the Elector Palatine resides at Schwetzingen, three leagues from Mannheim; and during that time a strolling company is allowed to entertain the citizens. The performance was in a temporary booth, erected in the square of the great market-place. Yet, though nothing better than deal boards appear without, the stage was well decorated, and the scenes and dresses were not without taste or elegance.

I was curious to hear a German play, but still more curious to hear German singing: and I must own, that I was astonished to find, that the German language, in spite of all its clashing consonants, and gutturals, is better calculated for music than the French. I am sorry to return again to the charge; but I must say, that the great number of nasal sounds and mute syllables in the French language, seem to corrupt and vitiate the voice, in its passage, more than the defect of any other language, of which I have the least knowledge.

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A list only of the performers in the service of his electoral highness, would convey a very favourable idea of the excellence of his band; it consists of near a hundred hands and voices.

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Many of the performers on the court list, are either superannuated or supernumeraries; but of the former, after having served the elector for a number of years, if by sickness or accident they happen to lose their voice or talents, they have a handsome pension, which they enjoy as long as they live.

live at Manheim ; and even if they chuse to retire into their own country, or elsewhere, they are still allowed half their pension.

I was informed that the mere illuminations of the Manheim theatre, with wax lights, cost the elector upwards of forty pounds, at each representation ; and that the whole expence of bringing a new opera on this stage, amounted to near four thousand pounds. The great theatre, the ensuing winter, was to be opened with an opera composed by Mr. J. Bach, who was daily expected here from London, when I was at Manheim.

I cannot quit this article, without doing justice to the orchestra of his electoral highness, so deservedly celebrated throughout Europe. I found it to be indeed all that its fame had made me expect : power will naturally arise from a great number of hands ; but the judicious use of this power, on all occasions, must be the consequence of good discipline ; indeed there are more solo players, and good composers in this, than perhaps in any other orchestra in Europe ; it is an army of generals, equally fit to plan a battle, as to fight it.

The going out from the opera at Schwetzingen, during summer, into the electoral gardens, which, in the French style, are extremely beautiful, affords one of the gayest and most splendid sights imaginable ; the country here is flat, and naked, and therefore would be less favourable to the free and open manner of laying out grounds in English horticulture, than to that which has been adopted. The orangery is larger than that at Ver-

sailles, and perhaps than any other in Europe.

His electoral highness's suite at Schwetzingen, during summer, amounts to fifteen hundred persons, who are all lodged in this little village, at his expence.

To any one walking through the streets of Schwetzingen, during summer, this place must seem to be inhabited only by a colony of musicians, who are constantly exercising their profession : at one house a fine player on the violin is heard ; at another, a German flute ; here, an excellent hautbois ; there, a bassoon, a clarinet, a violoncello, or a concert of several instruments together. Music seems to be the chief and most constant of his electoral highness's amusements ; and the operas, and concerts, to which all his subjects have admission, forms the judgment, and establishes a taste for music, throughout the electorate.

WURTEMBERGH.

It is no uncommon thing, in Germany, for a sovereign prince, upon a difference with his subjects, to abandon the ancient capital of his dominions, and to erect another at a small distance from it, which, in process of time, not only ruins the trade, but greatly diminishes the number of its inhabitants, by attracting them to his new residence : among the princes who come under this predicament, are the elector of Cologne, removed to *Bonn* ; the Elector Palatine, removed from Heidelberg, to *Manheim* ; and the duke of Wurtemberg, from Stutgard to *Ludwigsburg*.

The ground upon which this town is built, is irregular and wild, yet it contains many fine streets, walks,

walks, and houses. The country about it is not pleasant, but very fertile, especially in vines, producing a great quantity of what is called Neckar wine.

Though Stutgard is nominally the capital of the dutchy of Würtemberg, it has not, for ten years past, been the residence of its sovereign; and though the operas, and musical establishments of this prince, used, during the seven years direction of Jomelli, to be the best and most splendid in Germany, they are now but the shadow of what they were: indeed the expence so far exceeded the abilities of his subjects to support, that the Germans say the duke of Würtemberg's passion for music was carried to such excess as to ruin both his country and people, and to oblige his subjects to remonstrate against his prodigality at the diet of the empire. — —

At present his highness seems œconomising, having reformed his operas and orchestra, and reduced a great number of old performers to *half* pay: but, as most musicians have too great souls to live upon their *whole* pay, be it what it will, this reduction of their pensions is regarded, by the principal of those in the service of this court, as a dismissal; so that those who have vendible talents, demand permission to retire, as fast as opportunities offer, for engaging themselves elsewhere. — —

This prince had two new serious operas last winter, the one composed by Jomelli, and the other by Sacchini. The theatre is immense, and is open at the back of the stage, where there is an amphitheatre, in the open air, which is sometimes filled with people, to produce ef-

fects in perspective; it is built, as are all the theatres which I had yet seen in Germany, upon the Italian model.

The duke of Würtemberg, who is so expensive in the music of his court and theatre, has no other instruments among his troops, that I heard, than trumpets, drums, and fifes. The most shining parts of a German court, are usually its *military*, its *music*, and its *hunt*. In this last article the expence is generally enormous; immense forests and parks, set apart for a prince's amusement, at the expence of agriculture, commerce, and, indeed, the necessaries of life, keep vast tracts of land uncultivated, and his subjects in beggary.

The soldiery of this prince's present capital are so numerous, consisting never of less than six thousand in time of peace, that nothing like a gentleman can be seen in the streets, except officers. The soldiers seem disciplined into clock-work. I never saw such mechanical exactness in animated beings. One would suppose that the author of "*Man a Machine*," had taken his idea from these men: their appearance, however, is very formidable; black whiskers, white perukes, with curls at the sides six deep; blue coats, patched and mended with great ingenuity and diligence. There are two spacious courts, one before, and one within the palace, full of military.

This prince, who is himself a good player on the harpsicord, had, at one time, in his service, three of the greatest performers on the violin in Europe, Ferari, Nardini, and Lolli; on the hautbois, the two Plas; a famous bassoon, Schwartz, who is still here; and Walther,

ther, on the French horn; with Jomelli to compose; and the best serious and comic singers of Italy. At present, indeed, his list of musicians is not so splendid; however, his œconomy is, I believe, more in appearance than reality; for at *Solitude*, a favourite summer palace, he has, at an enormous expence, established a school of arts, or conservatorio, for the education of two hundred poor and deserted children of talents; of these a great number are taught music, and from these he has already drawn several vocal and instrumental performers, for his theatre: some are taught the learned languages, and cultivate poetry; others, acting and dancing. Among the singers, there are at present fifteen Castrati, the court having in its service two Bologna surgeons, expert in this vocal manufacture. At Ludwigsburg there is likewise a conservatorio for a hundred girls, who are educated in the same manner, and for the same purposes; the building constructed at *Solitude*, for the reception of the boys, has a front of six or seven hundred feet.

It is the favourite amusement of the duke of Würtemberg to visit this school; to see the children dine, and take their lessons. His passion for music and shews, seems as strong as that of the emperor Nero was formerly. It is, perhaps, upon such occasions as these, that music becomes a vice, and hurtful to society; for that nation, of which half the subjects are stage-players, fiddlers, and soldiers, and the other half beggars, seems to be but ill governed. Here nothing is talked of but the adventures of actors, dancers, and musicians.

Of the present State of Dresden, and of Saxony; from the same.

THE approach to this city through the Elector's Gardens, by a beautiful *Chateau*, or Villa, and pavilions, in a very good taste, is extremely striking; but the city itself has suffered so much in the last war, that it is difficult for a stranger to imagine himself near the celebrated capital of Saxony, even when he sees it from the most favourable eminence in the neighbourhood, so few of its once many cloud-capt towers are left standing; only two or three remain intire, of all the stately edifices which formerly embellished this city: so that here, as well as at Prague, the inhabitants are still repairing the ravages of the Prussians; of whom it is remarkable, that though, during the last war, they ruined many a noble city, they never took one by a regular siege.

I went this morning to the *Frauen Kirche*, or great Lutheran church of our Lady, placed on the side of a spacious square: it is a very noble and elegant building, of white stone, with a high dome in the middle; this church is square without, but formed into an amphitheatre within. There is a projection for the communion table, over which is placed a most magnificent organ. This is the only instance I can recollect, of an organ being placed at the *east* end of a church. I had hitherto only seen it at the west window, at the west end of the choir, or on one side.

The singing here, with so fine an instrument, has a very striking effect.

effect. The whole congregation, consisting of near three thousand persons, sing in unison, melodies almost as slow as those used in our parish churches; but the people being better musicians here than with us, and accustomed from their infancy to sing the chief part of the service, were better in tune, and formed one of the grandest chorusses I ever heard.

The building is very high and spacious, and there are four galleries in elegant forms, one over the other, between the columns: the seats below are circular, and all facing the organ and communion table; upon the whole, this was one of the most decent and respectable congregations I had ever seen.

The King of Prussia, in his last bombardment of Dresden, tried every means in his power to beat this church, as well as the other public buildings, about the ears of the inhabitants, but in vain, for the orbicular form of the dome threw off the balls and shells, and totally prevented their effect: however, he succeeded better in five or six other churches, which he totally demolished. This of our Lady constitutes the great feature of the city, like St. Peter's at Rome, and St. Paul's in London.

At night I went to M. Binder's house to see the ruins of the famous *Pantaleone*. This instrument, and the performance upon it, at Paris, in 1705, gave birth to a very ingenious little work, under the title of *Dialogue sur la Musique des Anciens*, by the Abbé Chateaucneuf: the inventor went by the name of his instrument ever after; it is more than nine feet long, and had, when

in order, 186 strings of catgut. The tone was produced by two *baguettes*, or sticks, like the dulcimer; it must have been extremely difficult to the performer, but seems capable of great effects. The strings were now almost all broken; the present elector will not be at the charge of furnishing new ones, though it had ever been thought a court instrument in former reigns, and was kept in order at the expence of the prince. M. Binder lamented, that he could not possibly afford to string it himself, as it was an instrument upon which he had formerly employed so much of his time.

Every one here is in the utmost indigence; this poor man has a small nominal pension, as court organist, but it is ill-paid; and most of the nobility and gentry are too much impoverished, to be able to afford to learn, or to let their children learn music.

The Saxons of old, so remarkable for patience, industry, and probity, are now reduced to knavery and chicanery, beyond the inhabitants of any other country. Dresden is at present a melancholy residence; from being the seat of the Muses, and habitation of pleasure, it is now only a dwelling for beggary, theft, and wretchedness. No society among the natives can be supported; all must retrench; the court is obliged to abandon genius and talents, and is, in turn, abandoned by them!

Except the wretched comic opera, there is no one spectacle, but that of misery, to be seen at Dresden; no *guinguette*, no public diversion in the city or suburbs, for the people, and not a boat or vessel either of pleasure or business can be

be descried on the river Elbe, which is here nearly as wide as the Thames at London-bridge*.

The horses in this Electorate have had no corn allowed them, nor the soldiers powder for their hair, these three years; but though every species of œconomy seems now put in practice, yet, it is thought with little effect, as to restoring the inhabitants and state to their ancient affluence and splendor.

During the reign of Augustus the Third, this city was regarded by the rest of Europe, as the Athens of modern times; all the arts, but particularly those of music, poetry, and painting, were loved and cherished by that prince, with a zeal and munificence, greater than can be found in the brightest period of ancient history; but, perhaps, some part of the late and present distresses of this country, have originated in this excessive magnificence.

The gardens of the late minister, count Brühl, which are situated on the banks of the Elbe, and open to the public, command a delightful prospect of that river, of its hilly and fertile banks, towards Pirna, and of the New Town, and beautiful bridge, leading to it.

A most magnificent and elegant temple in these gardens was reduced to a heap of rubbish, in which it still lies, during the Prussian bombardment; and the Saxons accuse his Prussian majesty of carrying personal resentment against their

minister so far, as to order his engineer to point his artillery at the temple and other buildings, as well as statues in these gardens. However this may have been, not a street of this once charming city has recovered the devastations of the last war.

Some curious Particulars of the Island of Malta; from Mr. Brydone's Tour.

THE fortifications of Malta are indeed a most stupendous work. All the boasted catacombs of Rome and Naples are a trifle to the immense excavations that have been made in this little island. The ditches, of a vast size, are all cut out of the solid rock. These extend for a great many miles; and raise our astonishment to think that so small a nation has ever been able to execute them.

One side of the island is so completely fortified by nature, that there was nothing left for art. The rock is of a great height, and absolutely perpendicular from the sea for several miles. It is very singular, that on this side there are still the vestiges of several antient roads, with the tracks of carriages worn deep in the rocks: these roads are now terminated by the precipice, with the sea beneath; and shew to a demonstration that this island has in former ages been of a much larger size than it is at present; but the convulsion that

* The Saxon traffic *up* this fine river, is said to be ruined by some commercial disputes with Austria; and *down* it, by the king of Prussia not permitting a single vessel from Dresden to pass by his fortress at Magdeburg; so that besides paying heavy duties, all goods must be removed into Prussian vessels before they are suffered to proceed to Hamburg.

Occasioned its diminution is probably much beyond the reach of any history or tradition. It has often been observed, notwithstanding the very great distance of mount *Ætna*, that this island has generally been more or less affected by its eruptions, and they think it probable, that on some of these occasions a part of it may have been shaken into the sea.

We have now an opportunity of observing that one half of mount *Ætna* is clearly discovered from Malta. They reckon the distance near 200 Italian miles. And the people here assure us, that in the great eruptions of that mountain, their whole island is illuminated; and from the reflection in the water, there appears a great track of fire in the sea all the way from Malta to Sicily. The thundering of the mountain is likewise distinctly heard.

June 7. We made an expedition through the island in coaches drawn by one mule each; the only kind of vehicle the place affords. Our conductors could speak nothing but Arabic, which is still the language of the common people of Malta; so that you may believe we did not reap much benefit from their conversation. We went first to the ancient city of Melita, which is near the center of the island, and commands a view of the whole; and in clear weather, they pretend, of part of Barbary and of Sicily. The city is strongly fortified, and is governed by an officer called the *Hanhem*. He received us very politely, and shewed us the old palace, which is not indeed much worth the seeing. The cathedral is a very fine church; and although of

an exceeding large size, is at present entirely hung with crimson damask richly laced with gold.

The catacombs, not far from this city, are a great work. They are said to extend for fifteen miles under ground; however, this you are obliged to take on the credit of your guides; as it would rather be risking too much to put it to the trial. Many people, they assure us, have been lost from advancing too far in them; the prodigious number of branches making it next to impossible to find the way out again.

We were delighted, on our way back to the city, with the beauty of the setting-sun; much superior, I think, to what I have ever observed it in Italy. The whole of the eastern part of the heavens, for half an hour after sun-set, was of a fine deep purple, and made a beautiful appearance: this the Maltese tell us is generally the case every evening, at this season of the year.

The land force of Malta is equal the number of men in the island fit to bear arms. They have about 500 regulars belonging to the ships of war; and 150 compose the guard of the prince. The two islands of Malta and Gozzo contain about 150,000 inhabitants. The men are exceedingly robust and hardy. I have seen them row for ten or twelve hours without intermission, and without even appearing to be fatigued.

Their sea force consists of four galleys, three galliots, four ships of sixty guns, and a frigate of thirty-six, besides a number of the quick-sailing little vessels called *Scampavias* (literally, Runaways.)
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Their ships, galleys, and fortifications, are not only well supplied with excellent artillery, but they have likewise invented a kind of ordnance of their own, unknown to all the world besides. For we found, to our no small amazement, that the rocks were not only cut into fortifications, but likewise into artillery to defend these fortifications; being hollowed out in many places into the form of immense mortars. The charge is said to be about a barrel of gunpowder, over which they place a large piece of wood, made exactly to fit the mouth of the chamber. On this they heap a great quantity of cannon-balls, shells, or other deadly materials; and when an enemy's ship approaches the harbour, they fire the whole into the air; and they pretend it produces a very great effect, making a shower for two or three hundred yards round that would sink any vessel.

Notwithstanding the supposed bigotry of the Maltese, the spirit of toleration is so strong, that a mosque has lately been built for their sworn enemies the Turks. Here the poor slaves are allowed to enjoy their religion in peace. It happened lately, that some idle boys disturbed them during their service; they were immediately sent to prison, and severely punished. The police indeed is much better regulated than in the neighbouring countries, and assassinations and robberies are very uncommon; the last of which crimes the grand master punishes with the utmost severity. But he is said, perhaps in compliance with the prejudice of his nation, to be much more relaxed with regard to the first.

Perhaps Malta is the only coun-

try in the world where duelling is permitted by law.—As their whole establishment is originally founded on the wild and romantic principles of chivalry, they have ever found it too inconsistent with these principles to abolish duelling; but they have laid it under such restrictions as greatly to reduce its danger. These are curious enough.—The duellists are obliged to decide their quarrel in one particular street of the city; and if they presume to fight any where else, they are liable to the rigour of the law. But what is not less singular, and much more in their favour, they are obliged under the most severe penalties to put up their sword, when ordered so to do, by a *woman*, a *priest*, or a *knight*.

Under these limitations, in the midst of a great city, one would imagine it almost impossible that a duel could ever end in blood; however, this is not the case:—A cross is always painted on the wall opposite to the spot where a knight has been killed, in commemoration of his fall. We counted about twenty of these crosses.

About three months ago, two knights had a dispute at a billiard-table. One of them, after giving a great deal of abusive language, added a blow; but to the astonishment of all Malta (in whose annals there is not a similar instance), after so great a provocation, he absolutely refused to fight his antagonist. The challenge was repeated, and he had time to reflect on the consequences, but still he refused to enter the lists. He was condemned to make *amende honorable* in the great church of St. John for forty-five days successively; then to be confined in a dungeon without

out light for five years, after which he is to remain a prisoner in the castle for life. The unfortunate young man who received the blow, is likewise in disgrace, as he has not had an opportunity of wiping it out in the blood of his adversary.

This has been looked upon as a very singular affair, and is still one of the principal topics of conversation. The first part of the sentence has already been executed, and the poor wretch is now in his dungeon. Nor is it thought, that any abatement will be made in what remains.

The Maltese still talk with horror of a storm that happened here on the 29th of October, 1757, which as it was of a very singular nature, I shall translate you some account of it from a little book they have given me, written on that subject.

About three quarters of an hour after midnight, there appeared to the south-west of the city a great black cloud, which, as it approached, changed its colour, till at last it became like a flame of fire mixed with black smok. A dreadful noise was heard on its approach, that alarmed the whole city. It passed over part of the port, and came first upon an English ship, which in an instant was torn to pieces, and nothing left but the hulk; part of the mast, sails, and cordage, were carried along with the cloud to a considerable distance. The small boats and fellows that fell in its way, were all broken to pieces, and sunk. The noise increased and became more frightful. A sentinel, terrified at its approach, run into his box: both he and it were lifted up and carried into the sea, where he per-

rished. It then traversed a considerable part of the city, and laid in ruins almost every thing that dared to oppose it. Several houses were laid level with the ground, and it did not leave one steeple in its passage. The bells of some of them, together with the spires, were carried to a considerable distance. The roofs of the churches were demolished and beat down, which, if it had happened in the day-time, must have occasioned a dreadful carnage, as all the world would immediately have run to the churches.

It went off at the north-east point of the city; and demolishing the light-house, is said to have mounted up into the air, with a frightful noise; and passed over the sea to Sicily, where it tore up some trees, and did other damage, but nothing considerable; as its fury had been mostly spent upon Malta. The number of killed and wounded amounted to near 200; and the loss of shipping, houses, and churches, was very considerable.

Several treatises have been written to account for this singular phenomenon, but I have found nothing at all satisfactory. The sentiments of the people are concise and positive. They declare, with one voice, that it was a legion of devils let loose to punish them for their sins. There are a thousand people in Malta that will take their oath they saw them within the cloud, all as black as pitch, and breathing out fire and brimstone. They add, that if there had not been a few godly people amongst them, their whole city would certainly have been involved in one universal destruction.

*Rebuke to an English Gentleman, by
a Sicilian Nobleman.*

I Know of nothing that gives one a worse opinion of a man, than to see him make a shew and parade of his contempt for things held sacred: it is an open insult to the judgment of the public.—A countryman of ours, about two years ago, offended egregiously in this article, and the people still speak of him both with contempt and detestation.—It happened one day, in the great church, during the elevation of the host, when every body else were on their knees, that he still kept standing, without any appearance of respect to the ceremony. A young nobleman that was near him, expressed his surprize at this. “It is strange, Sir, (said he) that you, who have had the education of a gentleman, and ought to have the sentiments of one, should chuse thus to give so very public offence.” “Why, Sir, (said the Englishman) I don’t believe in transubstantiation.”—“Neither do I, Sir, (replied the other) and yet you see I kneel.”

The following Instances which Mr. Brydone gives us of the Oppressiveness of the present Government in Sicily, will account for the late Commotions in Palermo.

THE difficulties under which the poor Sicilians labour, from the extreme oppression of their government, obliges them sometimes to invent branches of commerce, that nature seems to have denied them, as they are not allowed to enjoy those she has be-

stowed.—The sugar-cane was formerly very much cultivated in this island, but the duties imposed were so enormous, that it has been almost totally abandoned.—But their crops of wheat alone, were they under a free government; would soon be sufficient to render this little nation one of the richest and most flourishing in the world; for even in the wretched state of cultivation it is in at present, one good crop, I am told, is sufficient to maintain the island for seven years.

You will be a good deal surprized, after this, to hear that the exportation of this commodity has been absolutely prohibited for these several years past; at least to all such as are not able to pay most exorbitantly for that privilege. The consequence is, that corn has become a perfect drug. The common price of the salma, which is two loads, was about thirty-one shillings; at present it is reduced to five shillings and six-pence, and there is a probability that it will still fall lower.

This crop, which has been very abundant, I am told, in many places they have hardly been at the pains to gather in, as there is little probability of this cruel prohibition being removed. The farmers are already ruined, and the ruin of their masters must inevitably follow. This is the method the ministry of Naples, or rather that of Spain, has taken to humble the pride of the Sicilian barons, whose power they pretend is still very extensive, and their jurisdiction absolute; most of them possessing a right of life and death in their own domain.—However, there is a probability that they will soon be obliged to relinquish their privileges.

leges.—The complaint is very universal, and if the ministry persevere in these rigorous measures; there must either be a revolt, or they must soon be reduced to a state of poverty as well as servitude. I believe indeed most of them would readily embrace any plausible scheme, to shake off their yoke; as in general they appear to be people of great sensibility, with high notions of honour and liberty.

Talking of the natural riches of their island;—Yes, say they, if these were displayed, you would have reason indeed to speak of them. Take a look of these mountains,—they contain rich veins of every metal; and many of the Roman mines still remain;—but to what end should we explore them?—It is not we that should reap the profit?—Nay, a discovery of any thing very rich, might possibly prove the ruin of its possessor.—No,—in our present situation, the hidden treasures of the island must ever remain a profound secret.—Were we happy enough to enjoy the blessings of your constitution, you might call us rich indeed.—Many hidden doors of opulence would then be opened, which now are not even thought of; and we should soon re-assume our ancient name and consequence; but at present we are nothing.

This is the language that some

of the first people amongst them hold with us. However, they still boast that they retain more of the feudal government than any nation in Europe. The shadow indeed remains, but the substance is gone long ago.—It has long been the object of the Bourbon ministry, to reduce the power of the barons in every kingdom. Richlieu began the system in France, and it has ever since been prosecuted by his successors; its influence has now spread over the whole of their possessions in Europe; of which, as this is the most remote; it has likewise been the longest in reaching it!

Of the Italian Language; by the late Earl of Corke and Orrery.

I Have seen the famous library of manuscripts, *Libreria Laurenziana* *. It is a large, and I believe, a most rare and well-chosen collection. The benefactors formerly have been many; of late years very few. The variety of bibles; at least by their number, may be called valuable. I dare say, you have seen a copy of the *Virgil* †; in England. Here you would see an original *Livy*, finely preserved, and finely written. The proportion of the room strikes every eye. It is the architecture of Michael Angelo. A modern Ita-

* This library belongs to the convent of St. Laurence; and was partly collected by Lorenzo de Medici; and partly by Pope Clement VII. and the Great-Duke Cosmo I. It is said to contain 14,800 manuscripts.

† This, the most curious manuscript in the library, is supposed to have been written in the fifth century. It wants the *Ille ego qui quondam*; &c. and the twenty-two lines in the 2d. *Æneid*, which relate the interview of *Æneas* and *Helen*, and which; Mr. Addison thinks, were very judiciously expunged by *Tucca* and *Varius*.

lian author, who has written an account of the library, speaks of the room in these words, *è così nobile, e maestoso, e di sì rara, e perfetta architettura, che lingua umana non ha lode bastevole per commendarla* *.

Here you have the stile of modern Italy. How different from the Ciceronian, or even the later ages of Rome! The Italian language seems adapted to flattery and high-flown thoughts. It has the honour to have arisen out of the ashes of the Latin tongue, which subsisted, and was generally spoken in Italy, impure indeed, till the time of St. Bernard, and the Emperor Frederic Barbarossa. After the twelfth century, it was entirely lost in conversation, and remained only in public acts, and public prayers; and even in them, mixed, confounded, and scarce intelligible.

Towards the middle of the thirteenth century, such base coin being of no currency, some ingenious men, particularly Brunetti, and afterwards his disciple Dantè, the three Villani, and others, began to form a new language, a more sweet-sounding, softer kind of Latin,

which they appropriated to the use and benefit of their own country. Towards the middle of the fourteenth century appeared Petrarch. The Italians justly call the fourteenth century, the “age of purity,” as their language flourished very particularly in that æra. Petrarch was the Waller of his day.

In the fifteenth century, the correctness and encouragement of Greek and Latin, was revived throughout Italy, and especially in Florence, under the influence of the house of Medici. The Italian language remained in equilibrio till it was raised again by Politianus †, and farther encreased in purity and simplicity by Sannazarius ‡.

In the sixteenth century appeared Cardinal Bembo’s § remarks on the Italian language, a book at that time much applauded.

In the beginning of that century, an academy was established in Florence for arts and sciences, particularly for languages. In the year 1580, it had the authority of regular statutes. It was begun, instituted, and patronized by the princes

* “It is of such noble, majestic, and perfect architecture, that human language has not praises sufficient to commend it.”

† “Angelus Politianus was a native of Tuscany, born 1474. He was a priest and a canon of Florence, preceptor to the children of Lorenzo de Medici.” See in Bayle’s Dictionary a long and very particular account of him.

‡ “Aëtius Syncerus Sannazarius was a Neapolitan, born in 1458, a man of great wit and extensive learning, famous by his Latin and Italian works. In a dispute one day before Frederic, King of Naples, concerning what was best to improve the eye-sight. “Nothing is so good for it,” said Sannazarius, “as envy, because it makes all objects appear greater.” He was a great epigrammatist. One of his epigrams on the city of Venice is well known. He died in the year 1530.”

§ “Cardinal Peter Bembo was a Venetian, born in 1470, of a family particularly famous for men of letters and figure in the republic. He was secretary to Leo X. and was made a cardinal by Paul III. He died in 1547 by his horse jostling and bruising him against a wall. His Latin works, especially his history of Venice, are much esteemed for their purity.

of the house of Medici. The dictionary *della Crusca* *, a most perfect work in its kind, was forty years in compiling.

The Italian language lies under the imputation of weakness and effeminacy. On a thorough and candid inquiry, it will be acknowledged soft, but strong; gentle, but expressive; fit indeed for love and compliments. Too much of it has been applied in that strain; but look into the historians, I mean those of real worth, you will find nervous sense, decorated with forcible words, and supported by judicious observations. For a moment let me play the part of a grammarian, and say, that the *diminutives* and *augmentatives* are to be envied by every English writer. The *gerunds* and *infinitive* moods, when turned, as frequently, into substantives, are sufficient to wipe away all aspersions of imbecility. Whence then, you say, arise these suggestions? I believe I can account for them.

They arise from a singular fashion, deemed politeness, of speaking to *men* in the *feminine* gender; a method, which, however established by custom, must always appear to strangers, unnatural and absurd. It is not sufficient to banish the words *thou* and *thee* in the *second* person, which are universally understood as vulgarisms, but *you* must be excluded, and the *third person feminine* introduced into the place. *Signora ella è malcreato,*

would scarce be translated by a novice in the language, “ Sir, you are uncivil.” It is difficult to guess from whence this odd piece of good-breeding and courtliness could arise. Surely not in complaisance to the Welch, who in the very depth of blundering, make use of *she* and *her*, instead of *he* and *him*; little imagining that they may be said to draw their muddy water from the pure fountain of *La Crusca*.

Before we shut our grammar, let us try a sentence of Florentine elegance, in the rough plain English tongue. “ Sir, as I have the honour to speak to *her*, and as I find *she* is general of our army, I hope *she* will permit me to ask my orders from *her*, as upon *her* courage, strength, and bravery, depends the success of the day.” With full as much propriety the Amazons might have assumed the appellation *he*; and Acca might have mourned over her mistress Camilla, by exclaiming, “ Ah! *he* was a dear and excellent lady, nor would *he* have expired in my arms by any incident less embarrassing, than *his* petticoats being in *his* way.” The confusion of sexes must produce absurdity and seeming weakness in any language whatever.

Three extraordinary Pieces of Wax-Work, in one of the Rooms adjoining

* The Academia della Crusca have for their emblem, or device, a Mill: They take the title of Crusca, or Bran, as professing themselves to separate and clear the fine flour from it; that is, the useful and valuable from that which is not so; as there are some other academies in Italy which take their title from some defect or imperfection, which it is their endeavour to deliver themselves from, and study its opposite; as Otiosi, Oscuri, Obstinati, &c. Wright.

*ing to the Gallery at Florence ;
from the same.*

*A Letter from the Countess of Pom-
fret, to the Countess of Hertford,
afterwards Duchess of Somerset.*

THREE representations in coloured wax-work will for ever strike my memory with horror and admiration. One is the different progress of decay upon human bodies after death, from the moment they are laid into their dismal receptacle, to the last abolition of the flesh, a skeleton. The second is a most melancholy representation of the state of persons either dead, or dying of the plague. These are, both, in glass cabinets, preserved with the utmost nicety. They were executed during the reign of Ferdinand I. *, while the plague raged in Florence. The operator lived only to finish his work, and then fell a victim to the cruel pestilence, which he had represented †. The third (the first performance of the same author), is an head. The skin from the skull is turned down from one side of the face, and the glands are plainly, too plainly, discovered. In viewing these pieces, each spectator endeavours to fly, but cannot. He tries to turn away his eyes, but cannot. He stays against his will, and is chained against his inclination. “ Now get you to my lady’s
“ chamber, and tell her, let her
“ paint an inch thick, to this fa-
“ vour she must come.”

MONTS, Oct. 6, 1738.

SINCE you have so kind a wish for me, dear madam, as that of coming to my dressing-room, I will indulge the agreeable thought that it is effected ; and though I do not know how to believe you here, I will imagine I have placed you in my great chair, where, on your left hand, is the fire, (no bad thing, this weather) and, on your right, a window, from which you see the river, bordered on each side with meadows, vineyards, corn-fields, villages, and chateaux. I congratulate my own happiness in your arrival. I recount to you my journey, the things I have seen, and the things I was forced to leave unseen, by the hurry we were in. And as, I believe, you may have heard less of St. Germain’s than of some other palaces, I enlarge most upon that. I tell you it was built by that polite hero and gallant prince, Francis I. ‡. In compliment to his mistress, whose name was Diana, it is erected in form of a Gothic D, with five towers, and is six stories high ; the three first are stone, the three highest brick, and there is an open gallery which runs round the middle on the outside with iron rails ; within, is a

* He died in 1609.

† These admirable pieces were the workmanship of Crejetano Julio Zummo, a Sicilian ecclesiastic, whose picture hangs near them. *Keyser.*

‡ This prince (who died in 1547) built many of the royal palaces in France, and adorned them all with pictures, statues, tapestry, and all kinds of choice and costly furniture, and is said never to have been equalled in generosity, sweetness of temper, and magnificence.

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court that coaches, to the degree of a duke, have privilege of entering, and the whole castle is encompassed with a large dry ditch; over which are draw-bridges. The emblem of this king was a salamander in flames, which is placed alternately with a crowned F round the turrets, as also carried over the gateway. The apartments within are noble, and the conveniences for the servants very great. The gardens are not large, but there is, perhaps, the finest terras in the world on the side of the forest, two thousand seven hundred yards long, and fifty broad, from which you have a view of the Seine, and a most beautiful country. The forest itself is of vast extent; and finely wooded, cut into walks and stars; and is by nature as much fitted for walking, as any garden in England is by art. In this palace the succeeding kings of France generally lived, till Lewis XIV. (who was born here) built Versailles, much more extensive, less noble, and resigned this to King James II. since the death of whose widow, the royal lodgings have been unfurnished, and it is now of much the same use that Somerset-house is in London. There are still some remains of that abdicated court: amongst others, is Lady Middleton, sister to Lady Westmoreland, and two years older than herself, in perfect possession of her health and senses. She followed her husband * out of England, was lady of the bed-chamber to Queen Mary, and governess to the Princess Louisa, whose picture I saw, and, if I had not seen it there, should have taken it for our Princess Caroline. This poor lady, while I

was at St. Germain's, lost her youngest son, whose story has something so particular, that (as I can answer both for the truth and knowledge of the persons who told it me) believing it may entertain you, I will relate it.

He was born about the time of the revolution, and christened Charles. As soon as his mother was able to travel, (as I said before) she followed her husband, taking this boy along with her; whose beauty, when he grew up, was only equalled by the wit, politeness, and a thousand other perfections that he possessed; and that made him the admiration and delight of all his acquaintance. When he was old enough, he entered into the army, where his behaviour was answerable to all his other merits. One winter that his regiment was quartered in Normandy, he lodged in the house of an officer, who had an only daughter, young, pretty, and ingenious. You will easily guess, the event of this acquaintance was first a liking, and then a love; and that so violent and open on his side, that the father thought fit to interpose, and tell him, with all the respect due from an inferior, and all the warmth of an alarmed parent, that "he knew his daughter undeserving of the honour of being his wife, but also thought her above being his mistress." On this, he was obliged to quit the house, but could not quit his passion; and finding equal return from the young lady, he, to assure her of his faith, and himself of hers, gave and received a contract. As this affair could not pass in silence, Lord Clare, (who was his colonel)

* The Earl of Middleton, Secretary of State to King James II.

and others of his relations, sent word of it to Lady Middleton, who immediately ordered him to return home; where she made use of so many arguments, threats, and persuasions, (amongst others, that he would ruin the young woman he loved, as well as himself) that, after contending with them for two or three years, he yielded to write a letter, in which he said, that, “ he believed it would be happier “ for her to think no more of a “ man whose friends were deter- “ mined never to receive her; and “ that he might not be a hindrance “ to her fortune elsewhere, he re- “ turned her promise, and desired “ his.” The lady sent it directly, assuring him she had never taken it with an intention to injure him, whose happiness she preferred to her own, and heartily wished it him in some more worthy choice; but did not long outlive her generosity, and his change, falling into a consumption, and dying within the year. The news of which made such an impression on Mr. Middleton, that, from the most lively, he became the most melancholy, of men; and, though he lived some years after, he never enjoyed life, for the last three months of which, he secluded himself from all company, and died of a fever that had no appearance of being mortal.

You see, dear Madam, by the length of my discourse, I do not mean to part soon with you, whenever you come, for I find myself on the last side of my paper, and have not asked you one of those many things I want to know. The actions, the words, the designs of

our acquaintances, must be agreeable to hear of, if you relate them; for even the Duke of Marlborough’s purchase, in Lady Hertford’s letter, is worth the money. Write me word then, dear Madam, what is doing where we do no more, but, safe in harbour, see the main covered with floating vessels, some sailing with auspicious gales, some struggling with adverse winds, some cruising, some sinking. I am not out of humour with the world, though retired from it, and therefore should take as much pleasure in hearing how it goes, as in seeing a new play; where, though I am no actor, I am as attentive to the opening, progress, and catastrophe of the plot. I believe, you will more than once wish, (if you have the patience to read this out) that I had thought of concluding sooner; but since I have gone so far, I must detain you so much longer, as to say, I am, dear Madam,

Your Ladyship’s most faithful,

and most obedient,

humble servant,

Henrietta Louisa Pomfret.

The Good-Sense and Piety of the following Letter, will be obvious to every Reader, whilst every Heart must sympathize with the amiable Sufferer.

Dutcheſs-Dowager of SOMERSET, *
to Mrs. ———.

1754.

I Am ſorry, good Mrs. ———, to find that your illneſs ſeems rather

* This lady, as eminent for her virtues as her rank, the friend of Mrs. Rowe, died in 1754. She was eldeſt daughter of the Hon. Henry Thynne, (only

rather to increase than diminish ; yet the disposition of mind with which you receive this painful dispensation, seems to convert your sufferings into a blessing : while you resign to the will of God in so patient a manner, this disease seems only the chastisement of a wise and merciful Being, who chasteneth not for his own pleasure, but for our profit. Were I not convinced of this great truth, I fear I must long since have sunk under the burden of sorrow, which God saw fit to wean my foolish heart from this vain world, and show me how little all the grandeur and riches of it avail to happiness. He gave me a son *, who promised all that the fondest wishes of the fondest parents could hope ; an honour to his family, an ornament to his country ; with a heart early attached to all the duties of religion and society, with the advantage of strong and uninterrupted health, joined to a form, which, when he came into Italy, made him more generally known by the name of the “ English angel,” than by that of his family. I know, this account may look like a mother’s fondness ; perhaps it was too much so once : but alas ! it now only serves to show the uncertainty and frailty of all human dependence. This justly

beloved child was snatched from us before we could hear of his illness : that fatal disease, the small-pox, seized him at Bologna, and carried him off the evening of his birthday †, on which he had completed nineteen years. Two posts before, I had a letter from him, written with all the life and innocent cheerfulness inherent to his nature ; the next but one came from his afflicted governor ‡, to acquaint his unhappy father, that he had lost the most dutiful and best of sons, the pride and hope of his declining age. He bore the stroke like a wise man and a Christian, but never forgot, nor ceased to sigh for it. A long series of pain and infirmity, which was daily gaining ground, showed me the sword which appeared suspended over my head by an almost cobweb thread, long before it dropped §. As to my bodily pains, I bless God, they are by no means insupportable at present : I rather suffer a languid state of weakness, which wastes my flesh and consumes my spirits by a gentle decay, than any frightful suffering, and am spending those remains of nature which were almost exhausted in continued care and anxiety for the sufferings of a person dearer to me than myself. My daughter ||, who is very good

(only son of Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth) and mother of the present Dutchess of Northumberland.

* George Lord Viscount Beauchamp, who died at Bologna in Italy, September 11, 1744.

† September 11, 1744.

‡ Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Dalton was tutor to Lord Beauchamp ; but the “ Supplement to the Biographical Dictionary,” (published in 1767) says, “ a bad state of health prevented him from attending his pupil on his travels abroad, and saved him the mortification of being an eye-witness of his death.”

§ Algernon Duke of Somerset died Feb. 7, 1749-50.

|| The Countess (now Dutchess) of Northumberland.

to me, has sent me her youngest son *, just turned of four years old, to amuse me in my solitude, because he is a great favourite of mine, and shows a great deal of his uncle's disposition, and some faint likeness of his person. It is high time to release you from so long a letter, but there are some subjects on which my tears and pen know not how to stop when they begin to flow.

I am, dear Madam,

Your sincerely affectionate friend,

F. SOMERSET.

An Account of two Journeys into Wales.

Bishop HERRING † to Mr. DUNCOMBE.

Rochester ‡, Nov. 3, 1737.

Dear Sir,

I Thank you most affectionately for your obliging enquiry after me, and I bless God, have the satisfaction to inform you that I am very well, after the most agreeable journey I ever had in my life. We travelled slowly and commodiously, and found Wales a country altogether as entertaining as it was new. The face of it is grand, and be-

speaks the magnificence of Nature; and so enlarged my mind, in the same manner as the stupendousness of the ocean does, that it was some time before I could be reconciled again to the level countries: their beauties were all in the little taste; and, I am afraid, if I had seen Stow in my way home, I should have thrown out some very unmannerly reflections upon it. I should have smiled at the little niceties of art, and beheld with contempt an artificial ruin, after I had been agreeably terrified with something like the rubbish of a creation. Not but that Wales has its little beauties too in delightful streams and fine valleys; but the things which entertained me were the vast ocean, and ranges of rocks, whose foundations are hid, and whose tops reach the clouds. I know something of your cast of mind, I believe, and I will therefore take the liberty to give you an account of an airing one fine evening, which I shall never forget. I went out in the cool of the day, and rode near four miles upon the smooth shore, with an extended view of the ocean, whose waves broke at our feet in gentle murmurs: from thence we turned into a little village, with a neat church and houses, which stood just at the entrance of a deep valley: the rocks rose high, and near, at each hand of us, but were,

* Now Lord Algernon Percy.

† Afterwards successively archbishop of York and Canterbury. "This amiable prelate," (as he is justly characterised by the late Dr. Jortin) "had piety without superstition, and moderation without meanness, an open and a liberal way of thinking, and a constant attachment to the cause of sober and rational liberty, civil and religious. Thus he lived and died, and few great men passed through this malevolent world better beloved, and less censured, than he."——Life of Erasmus, vol. i. p. 42, note.

His Grace died March 13, 1758, aged 64.

‡ His Lordship held this deanery in commendam with his bishopric.

on one side, covered with a fine turf full of sheep and goats and grazing herds, and, on the other, varied with patches of yellow corn and spots of wood, and here and there a great piece of a bare rock projecting. At our feet ran a stream clear as crystal, but large and foaming, over vast stones rudely thrown together, of unequal magnitudes, and over it a wooden bridge, which could scarce be said to be made by the hands of art; and as it was evening, the hinds appeared, in many parts of the scene, returning home, with pails upon their heads. I proceeded in this agreeable place till our prospect was closed, though much illuminated, by a prodigious cataract from a mountain, that did, as it were, shut the valley. All these images together, put me much in mind of Poussin's drawings, and made me fancy myself in Savoy at least, if not nearer Rome. Indeed both the journey, and the country, and the residence were most pleasing to me.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obliged and assured friend,

THO. BANGOR.

Bishop HERRING to Mr. DUNCOMBE.

Kenington, Sept. 11, 1739.

Dear Sir,

. . . . I Met your letter here on my return from Wales. I bless God for it, I am come home

quite well, after a very romantic, and, upon looking back, I think it a most perilous journey. It was the year of my primary visitation, and I determined to see every part of my diocese; to which purpose, I mounted my horse, and rode intrepidly, but slowly, through North Wales to Shrewsbury. I am a little afraid, if I should be particular in my description, you would think I am playing the traveller upon you; but indeed I will stick religiously to truth; and because a little journal of my expedition may be some minutes amusement, I will take the liberty to give it you. I remember, on my last year's picture of North Wales, you complimented me with somewhat of a poetical fancy: that, I am confident, you will not now; for a man may as well expect poetical fire at Copenhagen, as amidst the dreary rocks of Merionethshire*. You find, by this intimation, that my landscapes are like to be something different from what they were before, for I talk somewhat in the style of Othello,

—“Of antres vast, and deserts idle,
“Rough quarries, rocks, and hills
“whose heads touch heaven.”

I set out upon this adventurous journey on a Monday morning, accompanied (as bishops usually are) by my chancellor, my chaplain, secretary, two or three friends, and our servants. The first part of our road lay cross the foot of a long ridge of rocks, and was over a dreary morass, with here and there a small dark cottage, a few sheep, and more goats, in view, but not a

* To this his Lordship's letter is one exception, and Ambrose Philips's poem “from Copenhagen,” published in the “Tatler,” is another.

bird to be seen, save, now and then, a solitary hern watching for frogs. At the end of four of their miles we got to a small village, where the view of things mended a little, and the road and the time were beguiled by travelling for three miles along the side of a fine lake, full of fish, and transparent as glass. That pleasure over, our work became very arduous, for we were to mount a rock, and, in many places of the road, over natural stairs of stone. I submitted to this, which, they told me, was but a taste of the country, and to prepare me for worse things to come. However, worse things did not come that morning, for we dined, soon after, out of our own wallet, and though our inn stood in a place of most frightful solitude, and the best formed for the habitation of monks (who once possessed it) in the world, yet we made a chearful meal. The novelty of the thing gave me spirits, and the air gave me appetite much keener than the knife I ate with. We had our music too, for there came in a harper, who soon drew about us a groupe of figures that Hogarth would give any price for. The harper was in his true place and attitude; a man and a woman stood before him, singing to his instrument wildly, but not disagreeably; a little dirty child was playing with the bottom of the harp; a woman in a sick night-cap, hanging over the stairs; a boy with crutches, fixed in a staring attention; and a girl carding wool in the chimney, and rocking a cradle with her naked feet, interrupted in her business by the charms of the music; all ragged and dirty, and all silently attentive. These figures gave us a most entertaining

picture, and would please you, or any man of observation: and one reflection gave me particular comfort, That the assembly before us demonstrated, that, even here, the influential sun warmed poor mortals, and inspired them with love and music. When we had dispatched our meal, and had taken a view of an old church, very large for that country, we remounted; and my guide pointed to a narrow pass between two rocks, through which, he said, our road lay. It did so; and in a little time we came at it. The inhabitants call it, in their language, "The road of kindness." It was made by the Romans for their passage to Carnarvon. It is just broad enough for an horse, paved with large flat stones, and is not level, but rises and falls with the rock, at whose foot it lies. It is half a mile long. On the right hand, a vast rock hangs almost over you; on the left, close to the path, is a precipice, at the bottom of which rolls an impetuous torrent, bounded, on the other side, not by a shore, but by a rock, as bare, not so smooth, as a whetstone, which rises half a mile in perpendicular height. Here we all dismounted, not only from reasons of just fear, but that I might be at leisure to contemplate in pleasure, mixed with horror, this stupendous mark of the Creator's power. Having passed over a noble bridge of stone, we found ourselves upon a fine sand, then left by the sea, which here indents upon the country, and arrived in the evening, passing over more rough country, at our destined inn. The accommodations there were better than expected, for we had good beds and a friendly hostess, and I slept well,

well, though, by the number of beds in the room, I could have fancied myself in an hospital. The next morning I confirmed at the church, and after dinner set off for the metropolis of the country, called Dolgelle. There I stayed and did business the next day, and the scene was much mended. The country I had hitherto passed through was like one not made by the Father of the creation, but in the wrath of power; but here were inhabitants, a town and church, a river, and fine meadows. However, on the Thursday, I had one more iron mountain of two miles to pass, and then was entertained with the green hills of Montgomeryshire, high indeed, but turfed up to the top, and productive of the finest sheep; and from this time the country and the prospects gradually mended, and indeed the whole oeconomy of nature, as we approached the sun; and you cannot conceive, what an air of cheerfulness it gave us, to compare the desolations of North Wales, with the fine valleys and hills of Montgomeryshire, and the fruitful green fields of fair Warwickshire. For I made myself amends in the following part of my journey, directing my course through Shrewsbury, Woolverhampton, Birmingham, Warwick, and Oxford, some of the finest towns and counties in the island. But I must stop, and not use you so unmercifully. . . .

I am, dear Sir,

Your obliged

and affectionate

humble servant,

THO. BANGOR.

Curious Letter from the Second Volume of the Clarendon State Papers, lately published at Oxford.

The Lord MOUNTNORRIS to the Earl of STRAFFORD, the Day before his Execution.

My Lord,

WITH all humble sincerity of heart I speak it, I come not to you to disturb your peace, but to further it. My conscience witnesseth with me, as I hope for salvation, that, until you took away the Secretary's place from me, I honoured and esteemed you as my best friend, and never wittingly offended you in word or deed, but unbosomed my heart and advice to you, as I would have done to my father, if he had been living. And how fervently I sought your reconciliation, my several letters, and my poor afflicted wife's, written and directed to yourself, may testify for me. You brought me into disgrace causelessly with my gracious sovereign; whom I call God to be my witness I have served with all possible faithfulness; and the depriving me of his majesty's favour hath been and is more grievous to me than any death can be. You have publicly dishonoured and disgraced me by accusing me of bribery, corruption and oppression, whereof my God knows I am innocent; and for trial thereof I have submitted myself to the strictest scrutiny of the parliament. You have by a high and powerful hand by misinformation to his majesty, stripped me of all my offices and employments, and so impoverished me in my estate, and brought so many calamities

lamities upon me and my distressed wife and her seven children, who are nearly allied to her that is a saint in heaven, and was the mother of your dear children, as have ruined their fortunes, which I hoped would have been advanced by your favourable furtherance. My Lord, I beseech you pardon me for making this woeful relation, which proceeds from a grieved sorrowful soul with tears from my eyes, not for myself, (for I bless God my afflictions have weaned me from this world, and my heart is fixed upon a heavenly habitation) but for my poor infants' sakes, whom I am like by these occasions to leave distressed, if his Majesty take not consideration of them. If your Lordship's heart do not tell you you have been too cruel to me and mine, I must leave it to the Searcher of all hearts to be judge betwixt us; but if it do, you may be pleased, in discharge of a good conscience, to make some signification thereof to his Majesty; and I will not doubt but my God will dispose his Majesty's heart to take compassion of my poor infants, and reward it into the bosom of you and your's accordingly. And, my Lord, I do from my heart forgive you all the wrongs you have done me and mine; and do upon the knees of my heart beseech my God not to lay them to your charge, but to receive your soul into his glorious presence, where all tears shall be wiped from your eyes. Amen,

amen, sweet Jesus! which shall be the incessant prayer of

Your Lordship's

Brother in Christ Jesus,

FRA. MOUNTNORRIS.

11th of May, 1641.

A rough draught, by himself.

The following Letter strongly shews Lord *Clarendon's* regard to the Laws and the Constitution, notwithstanding his attachment to the King.

Mr. Edward Hyde to his Majesty.*

May it please your Majesty,
THOUGH I do not hear that any great objection can be made to your Majesty's last message, yet they say there were quick and sharp answers fell from your Majesty in the conference, which have begot notable doubts in them of your intentions, so that (especially if these are reported to-morrow) we must expect a warm day. Since there was nothing said in your answer at Newmarket concerning Ireland, (which your Majesty knows to be the envious argument, in which you must never appear less zealous) your Majesty may please to reform this inclosed, and dispatch it from Huntingdon to my Lord-Keeper; that they may have public notice of your journey to

* This is without a date; but it was evidently sent between March 9th and 15th, 1641½. For the answer at Newmarket was given on the former, and the message from Huntingdon, (which was in consequence of this letter) was sent on the latter of those days.

have been longer played, I do not know that any man doth now undergo a worse condition, than he had reason to expect, when upon such infinite disadvantages he first engaged himself in the King's good cause; nay, I am confident he hath not now so many against him, as he had then; but it seems conscience, that was then a good motive, is not thought a good end now. I confess the straits men of all conditions are forced to submit to, are very unpleasant, and were not to be submitted to, if God Almighty had only forbid us to be impious, or sacrilegious, or rebellious, as long as we could keep our estates, or to depart from good consciences till we are in danger to be banished, or starved. I know that all sober reliance upon God's Providence is now called expecting of miracles, and the fixing upon honest principles, which all moral men must acknowledge, is reproached and laughed at, as delighting in metaphysical notions, and imaginary speculations. Yet sure, when men do a little consider either the being saved in the next world, or their being fairly mentioned after their deaths in this (which is the most glorious and desirable blessing after the other), they will find that this negligent treating with their consciences, is not the way to either. Oh my Lady Dalkeith, I pray God preserve poor England from being invaded by the Turks; for sure, men would give their Christianity, and two years purchase, for the preservation of their estates. I had word sent me last week by a gentleman, that now all men made haste over, for all were admitted to compound at two years purchase; he never

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Jersey, 24th Oct. 1646.

A Copy, by Mr. Edgman, endorsed by himself.

The following extracts, which strongly mark the writer's principles and love for his country, we have selected from a letter, which, however curious, was too long for insertion.

Sir Edward Hyde to Mr. Secretary Nicholas.

Jersey, 12th. Dec. 1646.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I Believe my Lord Digby is still in Dublin; the reason whereof I have wrote to his father, and why I cannot believe it possible for any peace to be between my Lord Ormond, and those who have so perfidiously broken with him. However, I cannot enough wonder at their courage, who upon what specious promises and pretences soever, dare venture themselves in the head of the rebels' army, because they verily believe they shall be able to do the King good service. When I come to be hanged, Mr. Secretary, I will have a better defence, than saying I meant well, and thought in prudence this was the best way to serve the King; when by the letter and known sense of the law, I have done that which I ought not to have done. I like prudence well, and where the law allows

*A Letter to Sir Ralph Hopton, supposed to have been written by the Earl of Essex *.*

S I R,
THE experience I have had of your worth, and the happiness I have enjoyed in your friendship, are wounding considerations to me when I look upon this present distance between us. Certainly, my affections to you are so unchangeable, that hostility itself cannot violate my friendship to your person. But I must be true to the cause wherein I serve. The old limitation, *usque ad aras*, holds still; and where my conscience is interested, all other obligations are swallowed up. I should most gladly wait upon you, according to your desire, but that I look upon you as engaged in that party beyond the possibility of a retreat, and consequently incapable of being wrought upon by any persuasions. And I know the conference could never be so close between us, but that it would take wind, and receive a construction to my dishonour. That great God who is the searcher of my heart, knows with what a sad sense I go on upon this service, and with what a perfect hatred I detest this war without an enemy. But I look upon it as sent from God; and that is enough to silence all passion in me. The God of Heaven in his good time send us the blessing of peace, and in the mean time fit us to receive it! We are

both upon the stage, and must act such parts as are assigned us in this tragedy. Let us do it in a way of honour, and without personal animosities. Whatsoever the issue be, I shall never wittingly [. . . .]

Sir Edward Hyde to the Lady Dalkeith.

I Have now recovered ease enough to think and write; which I could hardly do when you heard from me last, and I shall be much revived that you are perfectly recovered; for by your's I found you were not then well. Take heed, these lewd times, and the unpleasantness of your own fortune, make not a greater impression upon your mind, than they ought to do; for you then begin to be, when the comfort and conscience of your own innocence is not a greater pleasure than the guilt of others an affliction to you. I hear no news from England or France, but of a multitude of men of honour running to compound. I neither envy nor censure them; though I confess I am not able to tell myself, how that comes to be lawful now, which would have appeared three or four years since very odious to most men; or, that any thing can be honest to recover an estate, which had not been so to have preserved it. And truly, though I must confess we have by our own gross folly and madness lost a game that might

* This is the last of six polite letters, all rough draughts without dates, written in the same hand, and on the same paper. They appear most of them to have been sent from the chief commander of the parliament-forces in the West to Sir Ralph Hopton, whose name is written on the back of the paper in the same hand. The five first are shorter than this, and relate to the exchange of prisoners.

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I Believe my Lord Digby is still in Dublin; the reason whereof I have wrote to his father, and why I cannot believe it possible for any peace to be between my Lord Ormond, and those who have so perfidiously broken with him. However, I cannot enough wonder at their courage, who upon what specious promises and pretences soever, dare venture themselves in the head of the rebels' army, because they verily believe they shall be able to do the King good service. When I come to be hanged, Mr. Secretary, I will have a better defence, than saying I meant well, and thought in prudence this was the best way to serve the King; when by the letter and known sense of the law, I have done that which I ought not to have done. I like prudence well, and where the law allows

allows a latitude, am as like to be deceived by my own reason as another man; but if ever I quit the foundation of my innocence upon confidence of King or Parliament, and go out of that known tract, in hope that my own wit will find a better way, I will in the next place renounce all known divinity, and trust my own spirit for a new religion. I know a friend of your's who was once asked, whether if the King directed him under his hand to do one thing, he would promise to do another, because he might know that was contrary to his intentions, and that he would not be obeyed though he had signed such a warrant: he was so rude as to answer (and it may be hath been trusted the less since) that the King had no reason when he deserted himself, in that which was absolutely in his own power, to expect, that the fault should be repaired by another's courage: and that in a business which was only lawful or unlawful to be done, with reference to his commanding or not commanding it, it were unreasonable to expect that his visible command under his hand should be disobeyed, under the presumptuous notion of his intentions; and therefore he desired to be excused in those stratagems of discretion. I tell you, I will have the law on my side, or else I dare not be hanged; and so much for that. I should be very sorry that the peace between Spain and France should be concluded, and I hope these late losses in Italy will prevent it; and how confident soever other men are of it, I do not think it likely; for the French will expect to keep all by the treaty, which they have gotten by the war; and the Spaniards are mad if they

consent to that. I looking upon the taking of Dunkirk as the rendering a peace impossible; except the French would consent to the restoring it, or the Spaniards to give up Flanders with it. But if it shall fall out, Lord have mercy upon poor England! for I do more fear a French army, than the presbyterians and independents. It must be the resurrection of the English courage and loyalty must recover England to the King, and it may be, a Julep from the North may not be unseasonably applied to the fever of the South, but sure a foreign aid (except of arms and money) will never reconcile those hearts and affections to the King and his posterity, without which he hath no hope of reigning. And in this opinion I am and have been so far from being nice, that they have it under my hand, and have been so far from thinking me worth the reforming or converting, that they have only laughed at me, and said that I am a mad man of Westminster-hall, which you know is a warmer place than Tyburn. I thank God, the villainy of this present generation, nor the fire of this odious rebellion, hath not destroyed or burned up my natural affection to my poor country; nor do I wish it overcome by the Turks; because at this time, their religion is little better than Mahometan. I assure you, I comfort myself with the hope that the English will hereafter (though possibly I may be dead first) repair the breaches they have made, vindicate their loyalty and religion, and entertain their neighbours with the stories of their well-employed valour, as they do now with their romance of treason and rebellion; and that they will
never

never be able to do if they are made a conquered people.

I receive no intelligence from England, but only out of the country from my wife, who, I thank God, bears her part with miraculous constancy and courage; which truly is an unspeakable comfort to me. We may, I hope, be able to live some time asunder; but I am sure we should quickly starve, if we were together; yet when starving comes to be necessary, or to be more feared than hanging, we will starve by the grace of God together.

I am very glad your patrons at London are constant in their unmercifulness to the excepted, amongst whom I will not leave my place to be listed amongst the compounders. For my part, let him want mercy that will ask or take it from them. I remember my old acquaintance Cato, when he was told that Cæsar had a desire to have friendship with him, and was willing to give him a pardon, grew into a passion, and said, he was a tyrant to offer him a pardon, for by it he assumed to himself a power over the lives of the citizens of Rome. I assure you, Mr. Secretary, I will not receive a pardon from the King and Parliament when I am not guilty; and when I am, I will receive it only from him who can grant it.

The following Extract from another Letter, will shew Lord *Clarendon's* Opinion of the Political Religion of Princes and States.

FOR such a tract as you speak of to awaken christian princes
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to a sense of the injuries done to their neighbours, I have given over any hope that way; and the rather, because the case cannot be presented with the liveliness and vivacity to them, as by those instances which might be really perverted, and would be passionately resented against those who profess that religion in those states. And the truth is, there is naturally that absence of the chief elements of christian religion, charity, humility, justice, and brotherly compassion, in the very policy and institution of princes and sovereign states, that as we have long found the civil obligations of alliance and marriage to be but trivial circumstances of formality towards concord and friendship, so those of religion and justice, if urged for conscience sake, are equally ridiculous: as if only the individuals, not any state itself, were perfect Christian. And I assure you, I have not been without many melancholy thoughts, that this justice of God, which of late years hath seemed to be directed against empire itself, hath proceeded from the divine indignation against those principles of empire, which have looked upon conscience and religion itself, as more private, subordinate, and subservient faculties, to conveniency and the interest of kingdoms, than duties requisite to the purchase of the kingdom of heaven. And therefore God hath stirred up, and applied the people, in whom princes thought it only necessary to plant religion, to the destruction of principalities, in the institution whereof religion hath been thought unnecessary.

The following excellent Letter places the noble Writer in a very exalted point of view.

Sir Edward Hyde to the Lord Digby.

My dear Lord,
YOU can impute it only to the restlessness and solicitude of my friendship (which, how unprofitable and useless soever, certainly will always attend you in any misfortune, and almost in any fault) that I am exceedingly perplexed with what you write to me concerning yourself. Alas! what subsistence moderately honourable is it that you aim to establish to yourself and your friends? and can it be done with that innocence and honour which you ought to preserve? Believe it, many things which many other men, and of your own quality and rank, may justly and honestly do, will be crimes in you. You can no more be a servant or pensioner to another crown, than you can marry another wife; and the number and several species of your enemies, ought to supply you with great caution that you should be provided against reproaches as well as impeachments. If you want providence and discretion to discern consequences, as well what may be misinterpreted, as what is simply unlawful, your reputation will not be preserved; for God's sake, think not, affect not, an honourable subsistence, which cannot be without scandal, whilst the honour of your master, of your country, and of all honourable persons of it, is clouded, and almost eclipsed. Borrow or beg (it is very honest) so much as will keep you alive and cleanly

for one year; and withdraw into a quiet corner where you are not known, and where not above two or three friends may hear of you. If you can but live one year without being spoken of at all, without being in a capacity of having your own or other men's errors imputed to you, you will find a strange resurrection of a good fame. In that retirement you will revolve the rare accidents and misfortunes of your life; in the consideration whereof I fear you have been too negligent. And it may be, you may believe you have encountered new and unusual dangers, because you have not duly weighed past, and unusual deliverances. You will find as much of the immediate hand of God in both, as can be observed in the course of a man's life much superior to you in age, and it may be in action. You may in this disquisition consider by what forwardness of fortune it comes to pass, that a man of the most exquisite parts of nature and art, that this age hath brought forth, hath been without success in those very actions, for which meaner men have been highly commended; that a man of the most candid, and obliging disposition, of the most unvengeful, and inoffensive temper, and constitution, should not only have fewer friends, in the general crowd of lookers-on, than many stubborn and insociable complexions use to find, but more enemies amongst those, whose advancement and prosperity he hath contributed to, than ever man hath met with. And without doubt you will discover somewhat, no man else can discover, and enjoy an ample benefit by the discovery, throughout the long course of your life, that is to come. I do not invite

vite you to any morose or melancholy sequestering yourself from the world; if I am not mistaken it will be as chearful and pleasant a part of your life as ever you enjoyed. And after you have given your mind this diet, exercise, and repose, you will return with greater vigour upon the stage; and any shift you shall be then necessitated to, will be more justifiable to the world, and comfortable to yourself. If this advice be either too late, or too low, I beseech you fix upon some bounds beyond which you will not pass, even to save your life, or (which, it may be, is a greater temptation) to preserve it splendid: for whosoever obeys the invitations of convenience, or the very injunctions of necessity, cannot possibly continue innocent. And take a measure, from the hours of indisposition and melancholick, and trouble of mind, you have undergone, after an easy transgression or error in discretion, or extravagancy of passion, and by the disquiet and unpleasantness of that short time, whilst the memory is fresh of that particular, judge what kind of a life you shall live after a deliberated ill act, which all other men's memories as well as your own will continually obtrude to you; and think what price can be vile enough for twenty or thirty years of such a life—. I pray let your Secretaries collect all material passages concerning Ireland, you think fit to impart to me. I would be glad you could yourself collect as many particulars of Count Harcourt's negotiation in England, of Duke Hamilton's commitment, and of the Marquis of Montrose's managery in Scotland, and any other things

you imagine conducing to my work. God of heaven bless you, and bring us well again together!

I am entirely, &c.

16th January, 1647.

A copy, corrected and endorsed by himself.

The following letters, with some others, particularly one to the King, and another to the Prince, together with his Will, and a defence of his principles and conduct, were written at a time when Lord Clarendon thought his life in the greatest danger, from an attempt which it was expected the Parliament were to make upon Jersey. The whole packet was sealed up, and deposited in the hands of Secretary Nicholas (who was then in France) with directions not to open it, except in case of the writer's death.

Sir Edward Hyde to the Duke of Richmond.

May it please your Grace,
THIS not being to come to your hands till I am dead, no man can suspect that it carries flattery in it; when it tells you, that nothing but the knowledge of your justice and honour, and the opinion and hope of your goodness and inclination to me, could have brought this trouble to you. And there cannot be a greater evidence of my integrity and faithfulness to your grace, than that I dare presume to ask favours from you, when I am out of this world, and digested those petitions when I was best prepared to leave it. But truly, my
 Lord.

Lord, when I remember the whole frame and constitution of your nature, and those noble expressions you have vouchsafed to me of your good opinion, and consider, that how unworthy soever I am of those favours, that I have not by any act or demerit of my own made myself unworthy, I cannot but have the courage to hope (and very much the more comfort from that hope) that your Grace will still retain a gracious memory of me; and in that confidence, I presume to beg your Grace's favour and mediation on the behalf of my poor wife and children, when they shall, or any other charitable person on their behalf, present their supplications to you. I know their misery will be very great, and therefore fit objects for great compassion; and they may grow up to some capacity of serving your Grace, by which you will receive comfort, for they will be then looked upon as the work of your hands; and that is a kind of reward. God preserve your Grace!

Your Grace's

most faithful

and most obedient Servant,

EDW. HYDE.

Jersey, this 4th of April 1647.

An Original.

Sir Edward Hyde to the Earl of Southampton.

My Lord,

WHEN I consider the temper and constitution of my own health, the condition of the place wherein I am, which is threatened with the whole power of those, who have taken all the king's other do-

minions from him, and therefore the great probability that I may not be long a man of this world; and then, the miserable condition my poor wife and children must inevitably undergo, by the rage and fury of those who have oppressed all men else, as well as by the straitness of my own fortune; I do not think I have done my part, without bespeaking and begging for them such countenance and protection, as may most reasonably preserve them, or under which they must reasonably perish. They who have been witnesses of the singular value and reverence I have always had of your Lordship's admirable judgment, conscience, justice, and good nature, and of the unspeakable joy I have had in the opinion that you have vouchsafed a reasonable acceptance of my service and devotion, will not much wonder, that amongst the few men I choose to speak with after my death, I should importune your Lordship, to continue the care you had of me, towards my poor wife and children; and to do those favours for them, by your mediation and mention of them to the King and Prince, as their misery and innocence will extremely need. If I had had the misfortune to have outlived your Lordship, and enjoyed any liberty in my own country, though I could not have hoped to have been in a condition to have protected any thing that had relation to your Lordship, yet I would have been a servant and a solicitor for your family, and for any thing that might have concerned your memory: and I cannot leave a greater evidence of the integrity of my conscience to God and the world, than that I dare appeal to you for favour, in whom

whom no ill man can have confidence. I have lived, and shall die, most faithfully,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

most affectionate Servant,

EDW. HYDE.

Jersey, this 3d of April 1647.

An Original.

Sir Edward Hyde to the Lady Hyde.

My dearest,

THIS being not like to come to thee 'till I am dead, I cannot begin better to thee, than to charge and conjure thee to bear my death with that magnanimity and christian patience, as becomes a woman, who hath no cause to be ashamed of the memory of her husband, and who hath such precious pawns left to her care, as thou hast, in our poor children; which must be most completely miserable, if through thy passion thou shalt either shorten thy days, or impair thy health. And therefore, thou must remember, thou hast no other arguments to give of thy constant affection to me, than by doing that which thou knowest I only desire thou shouldst do. Be not troubled at the smallness or distraction of thy fortune, since it proceeds neither from my fault or folly, but by the immediate hand of God, who, I doubt not, will recompence thee some other way. He knows how entire my heart hath been to him, and that, if it had not been out of the conscience of my duty to him, and the King, I might have left thee and thine a better portion in this

world. But I am confident thou dost in thy soul abhor any wealth so gotten, and thinkest thyself and thy children happier in the memory of thy poor honest husband, than any addition of an ill gotten, or ill kept estate could have made you. Continue the same thou hast been, and God will requite and reward thee. I have in my other paper, which is parcel will, parcel declaration, such as I thought in these times necessary, said as much to thee of my estate and my children as I can think of. I doubt not thou wilt find some friends, who will remember and consider how just I would have been to their memory if I had outlived them. My letters to the King, Prince, Duke of Richmond, and Earl of Southampton, thou mayest deliver or send as thou shalt be advised. Thy own father, mother, and brother will I am sure never fail thee in any office of kindness, nor be unjust to the memory of him, who always held them in singular esteem. From my friends I am confident thou wilt receive all possible kindness. Besides those I have mentioned in the other paper, I presume my Lord Seymour will be ready to do thee good offices, and my Lord Keeper and Sir Thomas Gardiner too assist thee; and I hope many more that I think not necessary to name. I do from the bottom of my heart thank thee for all thy kindness and affection, which upon my faith I have always returned from my soul, having never committed the least fault against thee, but promised myself the only happiness and contentment, to live with thee in any condition. Since it hath pleased God not to admit that, he will, I doubt not, bring

us together in a most blessed state in a better world when we shall never part. God bless thee and thine ! cherish thyself as thou lovest the memory of,

My dearest,

Thy most faithful

and affectionate Husband,

EDW. HYDE.

Jersey, this 3d of April 1647.

An Original.

Thou and thine must love this family, from whom I have received infinite civilities.

Singular Anecdote relative to Ventriloquism.

Ventriloquism is the art of vocal deception. It is an art, or quality, possessed by certain persons, by means of which they are enabled to speak inwardly, having the power of forming speech by drawing the air into the lungs ; and to modify the voice in such a manner as to make it seem to proceed from any distance or in any direction whatever.

The following anecdotes are related by the Abbé de la Chapelle, of the French Academy. This gentleman having heard many surprising circumstances related concerning one M. St. Gille, a grocer, at St. Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, whose astonishing powers as a ventriloquist had given occasion to many singular and diverting scenes, formed the resolution to see him. Struck by the many marvellous anecdotes related concerning him,

the Abbé judged it necessary first to ascertain the truth by the testimony of his own senses, and then to enquire into the cause and manner in which the phænomena were produced.

After some preparatory and necessary steps. (for M. St. Gille, he had been told, did not chuse to gratify the curiosity of every one) the Abbé waited upon him, informed him of his design, and was very cordially received. He was taken into a parlour on the ground floor, when M. St. Gille and himself sat on the opposite sides of a small fire, with only a table between them : the author keeping his eyes constantly fixed upon M. St. Gille all the time. Half an hour had passed, during which that gentleman diverted the Abbé with the relation of many comic scenes which he had given occasion to by this talent of his ; when, all on a sudden, the Abbé heard himself called by his name and title, in a voice that seemed to come from the roof of a house at a distance. He was almost petrified with astonishment : on recollecting himself however, and asking M. St. Gille whether he had not just then given him a specimen of his art, he was answered only by a smile : but while the Abbé was pointing to the house from which the voice had appeared to him to proceed, his surprize was augmented on hearing himself answered, ‘ It was not from that quarter,’ apparently in the same kind of voice as before, but which now seemed to issue from under the earth, at one of the corners of the room. In short, this factitious voice played, as it were, everywhere about him, and seemed to proceed from any quarter, or distance,

stance, from which the operator chose to transmit it to him. The illusion was so very strong, that prepared as the Abbé was for this kind of conversation, his mere senses were absolutely incapable of undeceiving him. Though conscious that the voice proceeded from the mouth of M. St. Gille, that gentleman appeared absolutely mute, while he was exercising this talent; nor could the author perceive any change whatever in his countenance. He observed however, at this first visit, that M. St. Gille contrived, but without any affectation, to present only the profile of his face to him, while he was speaking as a ventriloquist.

The next experiment made by this curious ventriloquist was no less curious, and is related as follows:

M. St. Gille returning home from a place whither his business had carried him, sought for shelter from an approaching thunder-storm in a neighbouring convent. Finding the whole community in mourning, he enquires the cause, and is told that one of their body had lately died, who was the ornament and delight of the whole society. To pass away the time, he walks into the church, attended by some of the religious, who shew him the tomb of their deceased brother, and speak feelingly of the scanty honours they had bestowed on his memory. Suddenly a voice is heard, apparently proceeding from the roof of the quire, lamenting the situation of the defunct in purgatory, and reproaching the brotherhood with their lukewarmness and want of zeal on his account. The Friars, as soon as their astonishment gave them power to speak,

consult together and agree to acquaint the rest of the community with this singular event, so interesting to the whole society.

M. St. Gille, who wished to carry on the joke still further, dissuades them from taking this step; telling them that they will be treated by their absent brethren as a set of fools and visionaries. He recommends to them, however, the immediately calling the whole community into the church, where the ghost of their departed brother may probably reiterate his complaints. Accordingly all the Friars, Novices, Lay-brothers, and even the domestics of the convent are immediately summoned and collected together. In a short time the voice from the roof renewed its lamentation and reproaches, and the whole convent fell on their faces, and vowed a solemn reparation. As a first step, they chanted a *De profundis* in full choir; during the intervals of which the ghost occasionally expressed the comfort he received from their pious exercises and ejaculations on his behalf. When all was over, the Prior entered into a serious conversation with M. St. Gille, and, on the strength of what had just passed, sagaciously inveighed against the absurd incredulity of our modern sceptics and pretended philosophers, on the article of ghosts or apparitions. M. St. Gille thought it now high time to disabuse the good fathers. This purpose, however, he found it extremely difficult to effect, till he had prevailed upon them to return with him into the church, and there be witnesses of the manner in which he had conducted this ludicrous deception.

In consequence of three memoirs presented by the author to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris, in which he communicated to them the observations that he had collected on the subject of ventriloquism in general, and those he had made on M. St. Gille in particular; that learned body deputed two of its members, M. de Fouchy, and Le Roi, to accompany him to St. Germain-en-Laye, in order to verify the facts, and to make their observations on the nature and causes of this extraordinary faculty. In the course of this inquiry a very singular plan was laid and executed, to put M. St. Gille's powers of deception to the trial, by engaging him to exert them in the presence of a large party, consisting of the Commissaries of the Academy, and some persons of the highest quality, who were to dine in the open forest near St. Germain-en-Laye on a particular day. All the members of this party were in the secret, except a certain lady, here designed by the title of the Countess de B; who was pitched upon as a proper victim to M. St. Gille's delusive powers, as she knew nothing either of M. St. Gille, or of ventriloquism; and possibly, we should think, for another reason, which the Abbé, through politeness, suppresses. She had only been told, in general, that this party had been formed in consequence of a report that an aerial spirit had lately established itself in the forest of St. Germain-en-Laye, and that a grand deputation from the Academy of Sciences were to pass the day there to enquire into the reality of the fact.

M. St. Gille, it is not to be doubted, was one of this select

party. Previous to his joining the company in the forest, he completely deceived even one of the commissaries of the academy who was then walking from them, and whom he accidentally met. Just as he was abreast of him, prepared and guarded as the academician was against a deception of this kind, he verily believed that he heard his associate M. de Fouchy, who was then with the company at above a hundred yards distance, calling after him to return as expeditiously as possible. His valet too, after repeating to his master the purport of M. de Fouchy's supposed exclamation, turned about towards the company, and with the greatest simplicity imaginable, bawled out as loud as he could in answer to him, 'yes, Sir.'

After this promising beginning the party sat down to dinner; and the aerial spirit, who had been previously furnished with proper anecdotes respecting the company, soon began to address the Countess of B. particularly, in a voice that seemed to be in the air over their heads. Sometimes he spoke to her from the tops of the trees around them, or from the surface of the ground at a pretty large distance; and at other times seemed to speak from a considerable depth under her feet. During the dinner the spirit appeared to be absolutely inexhaustible in the gallantries he addressed to her; though he sometimes said civil things likewise to the Dutchess of C. This kind of conversation lasted above two hours; and in fine the Countess was firmly persuaded, as the rest of the company affected to be, that this was the voice of an aerial spirit: nor would she, as the author affirms, have been undeceived,

undeceived, had not the rest of the company, by their unguarded behaviour, at length excited in her some suspicions. The little plot against her was then owned, and she acknowledged herself to be mortified only in being waked from such delicious delusion.

Several other instances of M. St. Calle's talent are related. He is not, however, the only ventriloquist now in being. The author, in the course of his enquiries on this subject, was informed that the Baron de Mengen, a German Nobleman, possessed this art in a very high degree.

The Baron has also constructed a little puppet or doll (the lower jaw of which he moves by a particular contrivance) with which he holds a spirited kind of dialogue. In the course of it, the little virago is so impertinent, that at last he thrusts her into his pocket; from whence she seems, to those present, to grumble and complain of her hard treatment. Some time ago, the Baron, who was then at the court of Bareith, being in company with the Prince de Deux-Ponts, and other noblemen, amused them with this scene. An Irish officer, who was then present, was so firmly persuaded that the Baron's doll was a real living animal, previously taught by him to repeat these responses, that he watched his opportunity at the close of the dialogue, and suddenly made an attempt to snatch it from his pocket. The little doll, as if in danger of being suffocated, during the struggle occasioned by this attempt, called out for help, and screamed incessantly from the pocket till the officer desisted. She then became silent; and the Baron

was obliged to take her out from thence, to convince him by handling her, that she was a mere piece of wood.

A Letter said to have been written by M de Voltaire, last year, to the late Earl of Chesterfield.

YOU desire to have my thoughts on the present state of Europe; I rather, now, expected you would have asked my opinion about other matters which I happened to be thinking of, when your last letter was brought me, by Mr. S. It took two or three of the first years, after the Paris peace, before the rulers of kingdoms and states could think themselves relieved, or at ease, from the inroads of the wild beasts of the forest. Three years more were taken up in making fences. The rest, even to this day, has been employed in sharpening weapons. One I suspect has laid a train of such a dangerous nature, as must soon kindle into flame, and set the whole house on fire.—We shall not probably stay to see much of it.—Your spot has passed its meridian; luxury has taken root; the unexpected wealth got from the poor of a distant country, by robbery, has changed the bulwark of the English constitution, your House of Commons. The people who have ruled your young K—, and the kingdom, never were taught the right idea of what we used to define liberty. Such blindness and obstinacy, or what is worse, is doubtless permitted.—Provisions, which I find by your public papers are dear in England, will not be lower till taxes on the industrious are lessened, and

and that cannot happen till your national debt is reduced. The rulers of Europe, I am afraid, have it now in their power to prevent that event. If I was one of the band, I could find the turnpike road.—In the midst of your nation's folly, and blindness, I can see a

new world opening that will prove an asylum for all your honest industrious people; and I think a few years will discover the island of Britain to have, for its inhabitants, only two sorts of animals, tyrants and slaves.

P O E T R Y.

The INVITATION: to Miss B——. By Miss AIKIN.

*Hic gelidi fontes, hic mollia prata, Lycori,
Hic nemus: hic ipso tecum consumerer ævo.*

VIRGIL.

HEALTH to my friend, and long unbroken years,
By storms unruffled and unstain'd by tears:
Wing'd by new joys may each white minute fly;
Spring on her cheek, and sunshine in her eye:
O'er that dear breast, where love and pity springs,
May peace eternal spread her downy wings:
Sweet beaming hope her path illumine still,
And fair ideas all her fancy fill.
From glittering scenes which strike the dazzled sight
With mimic grandeur and illusive light,
From idle hurry, and tumultuous noise,
From hollow friendships, and from sickly joys,
Will DELIA, at the muse's call retire
To the pure pleasures rural scenes inspire?
Will she from crowds and busy cities fly,
Where wreaths of curling smoke involve the sky,
To taste the grateful shade of spreading trees,
And drink the spirit of the mountain breeze?

When winter's hand the rough'ning year deforms,
And hollow winds foretel approaching storms,
Then Pleasure, like a bird of passage, flies
To brighter climes, and more indulgent skies;
Cities and courts allure her sprightly train,
From the bleak mountain and the naked plain;
And gold and gems with artificial blaze,
Supply the sickly sun's declining rays:
But soon returning on the western gale
She seeks the bosom of the grassy vale;
There, wrapt in careless ease, attunes the lyre
To the wild warblings of the woodland quire;

The daised turf her humble throne supplies,
 And early primroses around her rise.
 We'll follow where the smiling goddess leads,
 Thro' tangled forests or enamel'd meads ;
 O'er pathless hills her airy form we'll chase,
 In silent glades her fairy footsteps trace :
 Small pains there needs her footsteps to pursue,
 She cannot fly from friendship, and from you.
 Now the glad earth her frozen zone unbinds,
 And o'er her bosom breathe the western winds :
 Already now the snow-drop dares appear,
 The first pale blossom of th' unripen'd year ;
 As FLORA's breath, by some transforming power,
 Had chang'd an icicle into a flower :
 Its name, and hue, the scentless plant retains,
 And winter lingers in its icy veins.
 To these succeed the violet's dusky blue,
 And each inferior flower of fainter hue ;
 Till riper months the perfect year disclose,
 And FLORA cries exulting, See my Rose !

The Muse invites, my DELIA haste away,
 And let us sweetly waste the careless day.
 Here gentle summits lift their airy brow ;
 Down the green slope here winds the labouring plow ;
 Here bath'd by frequent show'rs cool vales are seen,
 Cloath'd with fresh verdure, and eternal green ;
 Here smooth canals, across th' extended plain,
 Stretch their long arms, to join the distant main :
 The sons of toil with many a weary stroke
 Scoop the hard bosom of the solid rock ;
 Resistless thro' the stiff opposing clay
 With steady patience work their gradual way ;
 Compel the genius of th' unwilling flood
 Thro' the brown horrors of the aged wood ;
 Cross the lone waste the silver urn they pour,
 And chear the barren heath or sullen moor :
 The traveller with pleasing wonder sees
 The white sail gleaming thro' the dusky trees ;
 And views the alter'd landscape with surprise,
 And doubts the magic scenes which round him rise.
 Now, like a flock of swans, above his head
 Their woven wings the flying vessels spread ;
 Now meeting streams in artful mazes glide,
 While each unmingled pours a separate tide ;
 Now through the hidden veins of earth they flow,
 And visit sulphurous mines and caves below ;
 The ductile streams obey the guiding hand,
 And social plenty circles round the land.

But nobler praise awaits our green retreats ;
 The Muses here have fixt their sacred seats.
 Mark where its simple front yon mansion rears,
 The nursery of men for future years :
 Here callow chiefs and embryo statesmen lie,
 And unfledg'd poets short excursions try :
 While Mercy's gentle current, which too long
 By fame neglected, and unknown to song,
 Between his rushy banks, (no poet's theme)
 Had crept inglorious, like a vulgar stream,
 Reflects th' ascending seats with conscious pride,
 And dares to emulate a classic tide.
 Soft music breathes along each op'ning shade,
 And soothes the dashing of his rough cascade.
 With mystic lines his sands are figur'd o'er,
 And circles trac'd upon the letter'd shore.
 Beneath his willows rove th' inquiring youth,
 And court the fair majestic form of truth.
 Here nature opens all her secret springs,
 And heav'n-born science plumes her eagle wings :
 Too long had bigot rage, with malice swell'd,
 Crush'd her strong pinions, and her flight with-held ;
 Too long to check her ardent progress strove :
 So writhes the serpent round the bird of Jove ;
 Hangs on her flight, restrains her tow'ring wing,
 Twists its dark folds, and points its venom'd sting.
 Yet still (if aught aright the Muse divine)
 Her rising pride shall mock the vain design ;
 On sounding pinions yet aloft shall soar,
 And thro' the azure deep untravel'd paths explore.
 Where science smiles, the Muses join the train ;
 And gentlest arts and purest manners reign.
 Ye generous youth, who love this studious shade,
 How rich a field is to your hopes display'd !
 Knowledge to you unlocks the classic page ;
 And virtue blossoms for a better age.
 Oh golden days ! oh bright unvalued hours !
 What bliss (did ye but know that bliss) were yours ?
 With richest stores your glowing bosoms fraught,
 Perception quick, and luxury of thought ;
 The high designs that heave the labouring soul,
 Panting for fame, impatient of controul ;
 And fond enthusiastic thought, that feeds
 On pictur'd tales of vast heroic deeds ;
 And quick affections, kindling into flame
 At virtue's, or their country's honour'd name ;
 And spirits light to every joy in tune ;
 And friendship ardent as a summer's noon ;

And

And generous scorn of vice's venal tribe ;
 And proud disdain of interest's sordid bribe ;
 And conscious honour's quick instinctive sense ;
 And smiles unforc'd ; and easy confidence ;
 And vivid fancy ; and clear simple truth ;
 And all the mental bloom of vernal youth.

How bright the scene to fancy's eye appears,
 Thro' the long perspective of distant years,
 When this, this little group their country calls
 From academic shades and learned halls,
 To fix her laws, her spirit to sustain,
 And light up glory thro' her wide domain !
 Their various tastes in different arts display'd,
 Like temper'd harmony of light and shade,
 With friendly union in one mass shall blend,
 And this adorn the state, and that defend.
 These the sequester'd shade shall cheaply please,
 With learned labour and inglorious ease :
 While those, impell'd by some resistless force,
 O'er seas and rocks shall urge their vent'rous course ;
 Rich fruits matur'd by glowing suns behold,
 And China's groves of vegetable gold ;
 From every land the various harvest spoil,
 And bear the tribute to their native soil :
 But tell each land (while every toil they share,
 Firm to sustain, and resolute to dare,)
 MAN is the nobler growth our realms supply,
 And SOULS are ripen'd in our northern sky.

Some pensive creep along the shelly shore ;
 Unfold the silky texture of a flower ;
 With sharpen'd eyes inspect an hornet's sting,
 And all the wonders of an insect's wing.
 Some trace with curious search the hidden cause
 Of nature's changes, and her various laws ;
 Untwist her beauteous web, disrobe her charms,
 And hunt her to her elemental forms :
 Or prove what hidden powers in herbs are found
 To quench disease, and staunch the burning wound ;
 With cordial drops the fainting head sustain,
 Call back the flitting soul, and still the throbs of pain.

The patriot passion this shall strongly feel,
 Ardent, and glowing with undaunted zeal ;
 With lips of fire shall plead his country's cause,
 And vindicate the majesty of laws.
 This cloath'd with Britain's thunder, spread alarms
 Thro' the wide earth, and shake the pole with arms.
 That to the sounding lyre his deeds rehearse,
 Enshrine his name in some immortal verse,

To long posterity his praise consign,
And pay a life of hardships by a line.
While others, consecrate to higher aims,
Whose hallow'd bosoms glow with purer flames,
Love in their heart, persuasion in their tongue,
With words of peace shall charm the list'ning throng,
Draw the dread veil that wraps th' eternal throne,
And launch our souls into the bright unknown.

Here cease my song. Such arduous themes require
A master's pencil, and a poet's fire :
Unequal far such bright designs to paint,
Too weak her colours, and her lines too faint,
My drooping Muse folds up her fluttering wing,
And hides her head in the green lap of spring.

The ORIGIN of SONG-WRITING ; by the same.*

*Illic indocto primum se exercuit arcu ;
Hei mihi quam doctas nunc habet ille manus !*

TIBUL.

WHEN Cupid, wanton boy, was young,
His wings unfledg'd, and rude his tongue,
He loiter'd in Arcadian bowers,
And hid his bow in wreaths of flowers ;
Or pierc'd some fond unguarded heart,
With now and then a random dart ;
But heroes scorn'd the idle boy,
And love was but a shepherd's toy :
When Venus, vex'd to see her child
Amidst the forests thus run wild,
Would point him out some nobler game,
Gods, and godlike men to tame.
She seiz'd the boy's reluctant hand,
And led him to the virgin band,
Where the sister muses round
Swell the deep majestic sound ;
And in solemn strains unite,
Breathing chaste, severe delight :
Songs of chiefs, and heroes old,
In unsubmitting virtue bold ;
Of even valour's temperate heat,
And toils to stubborn patience sweet ;
Of nodding plumes, and burnish'd arms,
And glory's bright terrific charms.

* Addressed to the Author of *Essays on Song-Writing*.

The potent sounds like light'ning dart
 Resistless thro' the glowing heart;
 Of power to lift the fixed soul
 High o'er fortune's proud controul;
 Kindling deep, prophetic musing;
 Love of beauteous death infusing;
 Scorn, and unconquerable hate
 Of tyrant pride's unhallow'd state.
 The boy abash'd, and half afraid,
 Beheld each chaste immortal maid:
 Pallas spread her Egis there;
 Mars stood by with threat'ning air;
 And stern Diana's icy look
 With sudden chill his bosom struck.

Daughters of Jove, receive the child,
 The queen of beauty said, and smil'd:
 (Her rosy breath perfum'd the air,
 And scatter'd sweet contagion there;
 Relenting nature learnt to languish,
 And sicken'd with delightful anguish:)
 Receive him, artless yet and young;
 Refine his air and smoothe his tongue;
 Conduct him thro' your fav'rite bowers,
 Enrich'd with fair perennial flowers,
 To solemn shades and springs that lie
 Remote from each unhallow'd eye;
 Teach him to spell those mystic names
 That kindle bright immortal flames;
 And guide his young unpractis'd feet
 To reach coy learning's lofty seat.

Ah, luckless hour! mistaken maids!
 When Cupid sought the Muses shades:
 Of their sweetest notes beguil'd,
 By the sly insidious child,
 Now of power his darts are found
 Twice ten thousand times to wound.
 Now no more the slacken'd strings
 Breathe of high immortal things,
 But Cupid tunes the Muses lyre
 To languid notes of soft desire:
 In every clime, in every tongue,
 'Tis love inspires the poet's song.
 Hence Sappho's soft infectious page;
 Monimia's woe; Othello's rage;
 Abandon'd Dido's fruitless prayer;
 And Eloisa's long despair;
 The garland bless'd with many a vow,
 For haughty Sacharissa's brow;

And

And wash'd with tears the mournful verse,
That Petrarch laid on Laura's herse.

But more than all the sister quire,
Music confess'd the pleasing fire.
Here sovereign Cupid reign'd alone ;
Music and song were all his own.
Sweet as in old Arcadian plains,
The British pipe has caught the strains :
And where the Tweed's pure current glides,
Or Liffy rolls her limpid tides,
Or Thames his oozy waters leads
Thro' rural bowers or yellow meads,
With many an old romantic tale
Has cheer'd the lone sequester'd vale ;
With many a sweet and tender lay
Deceiv'd the tiresome summer-day.

'Tis yours to cull with happy art,
Each meaning verse that speaks the heart ;
And fair array'd, in order meet,
To lay the wreath at beauty's feet.

V E R S E S *written in an* ALCOVE.

Jam Cytherea choros ducit Venus imminente Luna. HORAT.

NOW the moon-beam's trembling lustre
Silvers o'er the dewy green,
And in soft and shadowy colours
Sweetly paints the chequer'd scene.

Here between the opening branches
Streams a flood of soften'd light,
There the thick and twisted foliage
Spreads the browner gloom of night.

This is sure the haunt of fairies,
In yon cool Alcove they play ;
Care can never cross the threshold,
Care was only made for day.

Far from hence be noisy clamour,
Sick disgust and anxious fear ;
Pining grief and wasting anguish
Never keep their vigils here.

Tell no tales of sheeted spectres,
Rising from the quiet tomb ;
Fairer forms this cell shall visit,
Brighter visions gild the gloom.

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Choral songs and sprightly voices
Echo from her cell shall call ;
Sweeter, sweeter than the murmur
Of the distant water-fall.

Every ruder gust of passion
Lull'd with music dies away,
Till within the charmed bosom
None but soft affections play :

Soft, as when the evening breezes
Gently stir the poplar grove ;
Brighter than the smile of summer,
Sweeter than the breath of love.

Thee, th' enchanted muse shall follow,
LISSY ! to the rustic cell,
And each careless note repeating
Tune them to her charming shell.

Not the muse who wreath'd with laurel,
Solemn stalks with tragic gait,
And in clear and lofty vision
Sees the future births of fate ;

Not the maid who crown'd with cypress
Sweeps along in scepter'd pall,
And in sad and solemn accents
Mourns the crested hero's fall ;

But that other smiling sister,
With the blue and laughing eye,
Singing, in a lighter measure,
Strains of woodland harmony ;

All unknown to fame or glory,
Easy, blith and debonair,
Crown'd with flowers, her careless tresses
Loosely floating on the air.

Then, when next the star of evening
Softly sheds the silent dew,
Let me in this rustic temple,
LISSY ! meet the muse and you.

The MOUSE'S PÉTITION.

Found in the Trap where he had been confin'd all Night.

Parcere subiectis, & debellare superbos. VIRGIL.

OH! hear a penfive captive's prayer,
For liberty that sighs;
And never let thine heart be shut
Against the prisoner's cries.

For here forlorn and sad I sit,
Within the wiry grate;
And tremble at th' approaching morn,
Which brings impending fate.

If e'er thy breast with freedom glow'd,
And spurn'd a tyrant's chain,
Let not thy strong oppressive force
A free-born mouse detain.

Oh! do not stain with guiltless blood
Thy hospitable hearth;
Nor triumph that thy wiles betray'd
A prize so little worth.

The scatter'd gleanings of a feast
My scanty meals supply;
But if thine unrelenting heart
That slender boon deny,

The chearful light, the vital air,
Are blessings widely given;
Let nature's commoners enjoy
The common gifts of heaven.

The well-taught philosophic mind
To all compassion gives;
Casts round the world an equal eye,
And feels for all that lives.

If mind, as ancient sages taught,
A never-dying flame;
Still shifts thro' matter's varying forms;
In every form the same,

Beware, lest in the worm you crush
A brother's soul you find;
And tremble lest thy luckless hand
Dislodge a kindred mind.

• To Doctor Priestley.

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Or,

Or, if this transient gleam of day
Be *all* of life we share,
Let pity plead within thy breast,
That little *all* to spare.

So may thy hospitable board
With health and peace be crown'd ;
And ev'ry charm of heart-felt ease
Beneath thy roof be found.

So when unseen destruction lurks,
Which men like mice may share,
May some kind angel clear thy path,
And break the hidden snare.

The GROANS of the TANKARD. All from the same.

Dulci digne mero ! HORAT.

OF strange events I sing, and portents dire ;
The wond'rous themes a reverent ear require ;
Tho' strange the tale, the faithful muse believe,
And what she says with pious awe receive.
'Twas at the solemn, silent, noon-tide hour,
When hunger rages with despotic power,
When the lean student quits his Hebrew roots
For the gross nourishment of English fruits,
And throws unfinish'd airy systems by
For solid pudding and substantial pye,
When hungry poets the glad summons own,
And leave spare fast to dine with Gods alone ;
Our sober meal dispatch'd with silent haste,
The decent grace concludes the short repast :
Then urg'd by thirst we cast impatient eyes
Where deep, capacious, vast, of ample size,
'The tankard stood, replenish'd to the brink
With the cool beverage blue-ey'd Naiads drink.
But lo ! a sudden prodigy appears,
And our chill'd hearts recoil with startling fears ;
Its yawning mouth disclos'd the deep profound,
And in low murmurs breath'd a sullen sound ;
Cold drops of dew did on the sides appear ;
No finger touch'd it, and no hand was near ;
At length th' indignant vase its silence broke,
First heav'd deep hollow groans, and then distinctly spoke.
" How chang'd the scene ! for what unpardon'd crimes
" Have I surviv'd to these degenerate times !

" I, who was wont the festal board to grace,
 " And midst the circle lift my honest face,
 " White o'er with froth, like Etna crown'd with snow,
 " Which mantled o'er the brown abyss below,
 " Where Ceres mingled with her golden store,
 " The richer spoils of either India's shore,
 " The dulcet reed the Western islands boast,
 " And spicy fruit from Banda's fragrant coast,
 " At solemn feasts the nectar'd draught I pour'd,
 " And often journey'd round the ample board:
 " The portly Alderman, the stately Mayor,
 " And all the furry tribe my worth declare;
 " And the keen Sportsman oft, his labours done,
 " To me retreating with the setting sun,
 " Deep draughts imbib'd, and conquer'd land and sea,
 " And overthrew the pride of France by me.
 " Let meaner clay contain the limpid wave,
 " The clay for such an office nature gave;
 " Let China's earth, enrich'd with colour'd stains,
 " Pencil'd with gold, and streak'd with azure veins,
 " The grateful flavour of the Indian leaf,
 " Or Mocho's sun-burnt berry glad receive;
 " The nobler metal claims more generous use,
 " And mine should flow with more exulted juice.
 " Did I for this my native bed resign,
 " From the dark bowels of Potosi's mine?
 " Was I for this with violence torn away;
 " And drag'd to regions of the upper day?
 " For this the rage of torturing furnace bore,
 " From foreign dross to purge the bright'ning ore?
 " For this have I endur'd the fiery test,
 " And was I stamp'd for this with Britain's lofty crest?
 " Unblest the day, and luckless was the hour
 " Which doom'd me to a Presbyterian's power;
 " Fated to serve the Puritanick race,
 " Whose slender meal is shorter than their grace;
 " Whose moping sons no jovial orgies keep;
 " Where evening brings no summons but to sleep;
 " No Carnival is even Christmas here,
 " And one long Lent involves the meagre year.
 " Bear me, ye pow'rs! to some more genial scene,
 " Where on soft cushions lolls the gouty Dean,
 " Or rosy Prebend, with cherubic face,
 " With double chin, and paunch of portly grace,
 " Who lull'd in downy slumbers shall agree
 " To own no inspiration but from me.
 " Or to some spacious mansion, Gothic, old,
 " Where Comus' sprightly train their vigils hold;

“ There oft exhausted, and replenish’d oft,
 “ Oh ! let me still supply th’ eternal draught ;
 “ Till care within the deep abyss be drown’d,
 “ And thought grows giddy at the vast profound.”

More had the goblet spoke, but lo ! appears
 An ancient Sybil furrow’d o’er with years ;
 Her aspect sour, and stern ungracious look
 With sudden damp the conscious vessel struck ;
 Chill’d at her touch its mouth it slowly clos’d,
 And in long silence all its griefs repos’d :
 Yet still low murmurs creep along the ground,
 And the air vibrates with the silver sound.

TRANSLATION from DANTE, Canto XXXIII

By the EARL of CARLISLE.

DANTE, being conducted by VIRGIL into the infernal regions, sees a person devouring a human skull, and struck by so horrid a sight, inquires into his history, and receives this account.

NOW from the fell repast, and horrid food,
 * The Sinner rose, but first (the clotted blood
 With hair depending from the mangled head)
 His jaws he wiped, and thus he wildly said :
 Ah ! will’st thou then recall this scene of woe,
 And teach again my scalding tears to flow ?
 Thou know’st not how tremendous is the tale,
 My brain will madden, and my utterance fail.
 But could my words bring horror and despair
 To Him whose bloody skull you see me tear,
 Then should the voice of sweet revenge ne’er sleep,
 For ever would I talk, and talking weep.
 Mark’d for destruction, I in luckless hour
 Drew my first breath on the Etruscan shore,
 And Ugolino was the name I bore.

* Count Ugolino, a nobleman of Pisa, entered into a conspiracy with the Archbishop Rugieri, of the Ubaldini family, to depose the Governor of Pisa ; in which enterprize having succeeded, Ugolino assumed the government of the city ; but the Archbishop, jealous of his power, incited the people against him ; and gaining the assistance of the three powerful families of the Gulandi, Lanfranchi, and Sifmondi, marched with the enraged multitude to attack the house of the unfortunate Ugolino, and making him their prisoner, confined him in a tower with his four sons : at length refusing them food, and casting the key of the dungeon into the river Arno, he left them in this horrible situation to be starved to death.

This

This skull contain'd an haughty Prelate's brain,
 Cruel Rugeiro's ; why his blood I drain,
 Why to my rage he's yielded here below,
 Stranger, 'twill cost thee many a tear to know.
 Thou know'st perhaps how trusting to this slave
 I and my children found an early grave.
 This thou may'st know, the Dead alone can tell,
 The Dead, the tenants of avenging hell,
 How hard our fate, by what inhuman arts we fell.
 Through the small opening of the prison's height
 One moon had almost spent its waning light.
 It was when sleep had charm'd my cares to rest,
 And wearied grief lay dozing in my breast :
 Futurity's dark veil was drawn aside,
 I in my dream the troubled prospect eyed.
 On those high hills, it seem'd, (those hills which hide
 Pisa from Lucca,) that, by Sismond's side,
 Guland and Landfranc, with discordant cry,
 Rouse from its den a wolf and young, who fly
 Before their famish'd dogs ; I saw the fire
 And little trembling young ones faint and tire,
 Saw them become the eager blood-hounds prey,
 Who soon with savage rage their haunches flay.
 I first awoke, and view'd my slumbering boys,
 Poor hapless product of my nuptial joys,
 Scar'd with *their* dreams, toss o'er their stony bed,
 And starting scream with frightful noise for bread.

Hard is thy heart, no tears those eyes can know,
 If they refuse for pangs like mine to flow.
 My children wake ; for now the hour drew near
 When we were wont our scanty food to share.
 A thousand fears our trembling bosoms fill,
 Each from his dream foreboding some new ill.
 With horrid jar we heard the prison door
 Close on us all, never to open more.
 My senses fail, absorb'd in dumb amaze,
 Depriv'd of motion on my boys I gaze :
 Benumb'd with fear, and harden'd into stone,
 I could not weep, nor heave one easing groan.
 My children moan, my youngest trembling cried,
 " What ails my father ? " still my tongue denied
 To move ; they cling to me with wild affright :
 That mournful day, and the succeeding night,
 We all the dreadful horrid silence kept :
 Fearful to ask, with silent grief they wept.

Now in the gloomy cell a ray of light
 New horrors added by dispelling night,
 When looking on my boys, in frantic fit
 Of maddening grief, my senseless hands I bit.

Alas! for hunger they mistake my rage,
 Let us, they cried, our Father's pains assuage :
 " 'Twas he, our Sire, who call'd us into day,
 " Clad with this painful flesh our mortal clay,
 " That flesh he gave he sure may take away."—— }
 But why should I prolong the horrid tale ?
 Dismay and silent woe again prevail.
 No more that day we spoke! —Why in thy womb
 Then, cruel Earth, did we not meet our doom ?
 Now the fourth morning rose : my eldest child
 Fell at his father's feet ; in accent wild,
 Struggling with pain, with his last fleeting breath,
 " Help me, my Sire," he cried, and sunk in death.
 I saw the others follow one by one,
 Heard their last scream, and their expiring groan.
 And now arose the last concluding day ;
 As o'er each corse I grop'd my stumbling way,
 I call'd my boys, though now they were no more,
 Yet still I call'd, till sinking on the floor,
 Pale Hunger did what Grief refus'd to do——
 For ever clos'd this scene of pain and woe.

*Extracts from the ACADEMIC SPORTSMAN ; or a WINTER'S DAY :
 a Poem by the Rev. Gerald Fitzgerald, Fellow of Trinity-College,
 Dublin.*

—— *Studio fallente laborem.*

THE feather'd game that haunt the hoary plains,
 When ice-bound winter hangs in crystal chains,
 The mimic thunder of the deep-mouth'd gun
 By lightning usher'd, and by death out-run,
 The spaniel springing on the new-fall'n prey,
 The friend attendant, and the spirits gay ;
 These are the scenes which lur'd my earliest days,
 And scenes like these continue still to please.
 Oft when I've seen the new-fledg'd morn arise,
 And spread its pinions to the polar skies,
 Th' expanded air with gelid fragrance fan,
 Brace the slack nerves, and animate the man :
 Swift from the college, and from cares I flew,
 (For studious cares solicit something new)
 From tinkling bells that wake the truant's fears,
 And letter'd trophies of three thousand years ;
 Thro' length'ning streets with sanguine hopes I glide,
 The fatal tube depending at my side ;
 No busy vender durs with clam'rous call,
 No rattling carriage drives me to the wall ;

The close-compacted shops, their commerce laid,
 In silence frown like mansions of the dead—
 Save, where the sooty-throwded wretch cries “*sweep,*”
 Or drowsy watchman stalks in broken sleep,
 ’Scap’d from the hot-brain’d youth of midnight fame,
 Whose mirth is mischief, and whose glory shame—
 Save, that from yonder flew the batter’d beau,
 With tott’ring steps comes reeling to and fro—
 Mark, how the live-long revels of the night
 Stare in his face, and stupify his sight!
 Mark the loose frame, yet impotently bold,
 ’Twixt man and beast, divided empire hold!—
 Amphibious wretch! the prey of passion’s tide,
 The wreck of riot, and the mock of pride.

But we, my friend, with aims far diff’rent borne,
 Seek the fair fields, and court the blushing morn;
 With sturdy sinews, brush the frozen snow,
 While crimson colours on our faces glow,
 Since life is short, prolong it while we can,
And vindicate the ways of health to man.

Death of a Woodcock.

HIS luckless fate, immediate to repair,
 The baffled sportsman beats with forward care,
 Each bush explores, that plats the hedge with pride,
 Brooks at its feet, and brambles at its side—
 Another bird, just flushing at the sound,
 Scarce tops the fence, then tumbles to the ground.

Ah! what avails him now the varnish’d die,
 The tortoise-colour’d back, the brilliant eye,
 The pointed bill, that steer’d his vent’rous way
 From Northern climes, and dar’d the boist’rous Sea;
 To milder shores in vain these pinions sped,
 Their beauty blasted, and their vigour fled.

Thus the poor peasant, struggling with distress,
 Whom rig’rous laws, and rigid hunger press,
 In Western regions seeks a milder state,
 Braves the broad ocean, and resigns to fate;
 Scarce well arriv’d, and lab’ring to procure
 Life’s free subsistence, and retreats secure,
 Sudden! he sees the roving INDIAN nigh,
 Fate in his hand, and ruin in his eye—
 Scar’d at the sight, he runs, he bounds, he flies,
 ’Till arrow-pierc’d, he falls—he faints—he dies.
 Unhappy man! who no extreme could shun,
 By tyrants banish’d, and by chance undone;
 In vain! fair virtue fan’d the free-born flame,
 Now fall’n alike to fortune and to fame.

But

'Till the sly tempter urg'd insidious suit,
 And lur'd her weakness to forbidden fruit ;
 There perish'd grace, her guardian honour fled,
 And sad remembrance mourns each blessing—dead !
 Expell'd the paradise of native sway,
 She wanders now to ev'ry vice a prey—
 A prey to yonder terror of the night,
 (Avert, ye gods ! such monsters from my sight)
 The bully dire : whose front the furies swell,
 And scars dishonest mark the son of hell—
 In vain ! she shrinks to shun his luckless pace,
 Aw'd by the terrors of his vengeful face ;
 To scenes Tartarean, see ! the wretches hie,
 Where drench'd in vice, they rave—or rot—or die.

Heav'n ! how unlike the pure, the tranquil scene,
 Where rural mirth, and rural manners reign ;
 Where simple cheer disclaims the cares of wealth,
 And fresh'ning gales diffuse the glow of health ;
 Where undisturb'd, unenvy'd, unconfin'd,
 Calm reason rules each moment of the mind ;
 Where mock'd ambition seeks her last retreat,
 And proves the world, a bubble or a cheat.

*The three following Pieces are taken from a Pastoral Drama, entitled, “ The
 “ Search after Happiness ;” written by Miss More, of Bristol.*

TO HAPPINESS.

O Happiness, celestial fair,
 Our earliest hope, our latest care,
 O hear our fond request ;
 Vouchsafe, coy fugitive, to tell
 On what sweet spot thou lov'st to dwell,
 And make us truly blest.

Amidst the walks of public life,
 The cares of wealth, ambition's strife,
 We long have sought in vain ;
 The crowded city's noisy din,
 And all the busy haunts of men,
 Afford but care and pain.

Pleas'd with the soft, the soothing pow'r
 Of calm reflection's silent hour,
 Sequester'd dost thou dwell ?
 Where care and tumult ne'er intrude,
 Dost thou reside with Solitude,
 Thy humble votaries tell ?

O Hap-

O Happiness, celestial fair,
Our earliest hope, our latest care,
Let us not sue in vain;
O deign to hear our fond request,
Come take possession of our breast,
And there for ever reign.

To SOLITUDE.

SWEET Solitude, thou placid queen,
Of modest air and brow serene,
'Tis thou inspir'st the poet's themes,
Wrapp'd in soft visionary dreams.

Parent of Virtue, nurse of thought,
By thee were Saints and Patriarchs taught,
Wisdom from thee her treasures drew,
And in thy lap fair Science grew.

Whate'er exalts, refines and charms,
Invites to thought, to virtue warms,
Whate'er is perfect, fair and good,
We owe to thee, sweet Solitude.

In these blest shades thou dost maintain
Thy peaceful unmolested reign;
No turbulent desires intrude
On thy repose, sweet Solitude.

With thee the charm of life shall last,
Ev'n when it's rosy bloom is past,
And when slow-pacing Time shall spread
It's silver blossoms o'er my head;

No more with this vain world perplex'd,
Thou shalt prepare me for the next;
The springs of life shall gently cease,
And Angels point the way to peace.

To SIMPLICITY.

HAIL, artless Simplicity, beautiful maid,
In the genuine attractions of nature array'd;
Let the rich, and the proud, and the gay and the vain,
Still laugh at the graces that move in thy train;

No charm in thy modest allurements they find,
The pleasures they follow a sting leave behind:
Can criminal passion enapture the breast
Like virtue with peace and serenity blest?

O would

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O would you Simplicity's precepts attend,
Like us with delight at her altar you'd bend,
The pleasures she yields would with joy be embrac'd,
You'd practise from virtue, and love them from taste.

The linnet enchants us the bushes among,
Tho' cheap the musician, yet sweet is the song;
We catch his soft warbling in air as he floats,
And with extasy hang on his ravishing notes.

Our water is drawn from the clearest of springs,
And our food, nor disease, nor satiety brings;
Our mornings are chearful, our labours are blest,
Our ev'nings are pleasant, our nights crown'd with rest.

From our culture yon garden it's ornament finds,
And we catch at the hint for improving our minds;
To live to some purpose we constantly try,
And we mark by our actions the days as they fly.

Since such are the joys that Simplicity yields,
We may well be content with our woods and our fields;
How useless to us then, ye great, were your wealth,
When without it we purchase both pleasure and health.

ODE for the NEW-YEAR 1773.

Written by W. WHITEHEAD, Esq;

Performed before their Majesties.

WRAPT in the stole of fable grain,
With storms and tempests in his train,
Which howl the naked woods among,
Winter claims the solemn song.
Hark! 'tis Nature's last farewell,
Ev'ry blast is nature's knell!

Yet, shall glooms oppress the mind,
So oft by sage experience taught
To feel its present views confin'd,
And to the future point th' aspiring thought?
All that fades again shall live,
Nature dies but to revive.

Yon Sun, who sails in southern skies,
And faintly gilds th' horizon's bound,
Shall northward still, and northward rise,
With beams of warmth, and splendor crown'd;

Shall

Shall wake the slumb'ring, buried grain,
From the cold earth's relenting breast,
And Britain's isle shall bloom again,
In all its wonted verdure drest:

Britain, to whom kind Heav'n's indulgent care
Has fix'd in temperate climes its stated goal,
Far from the burning zone's inclement air,
Far from th' eternal frosts which bind the pole.
Here dewy Spring exerts his genial powers,
Here Summer glows salubrious, not severe:
Here copious Autumn spreads his golden stores,
And Winter strengthens the returning year.

O with each blessing may it rise,
Which Heaven can give, or mortals bear!
May each wing'd moment, as it flies,
Improve a joy, or ease a care:
'Till Britain's grateful heart, astonish'd, bends
To that Almighty Power, from whom all good descends.

The WITHERED ROSE: the last Composition of the late Mr. Cunningham, written by him a few Weeks before his Death, and intended, as he expressed himself to a Friend to whom he presented it, as a true Image of himself, being then in a very poor State of Health.

SWEET object of the zephyr's kiss,
Come, rose, come courted to my bower:
Queen of the banks! the garden's bliss!
Come and abash yon' tawdry flower.

Why call us to revokeless doom?
With grief the opening buds reply:
Not suffered to extend our bloom,
Scarce born, alas! before we die!

Man having pass'd appointed years,
Ours are but days—the scene must close:
And when Fate's messenger appears,
What is he but a WITHERED ROSE?

The NYMPH of TAURIS, an ELEGY.

Written on the Death of Miss Anne Trelawney, Daughter of Sir Harry Trelawney, who died in Jamaica.

WHOSE happy furs without a cloud descend !
 Who treads the wild of life, nor meets a thorn ?
 To grief is godlike Virtue doom'd to bend ;
 The turtle eye of Innocence to mourn.

A gentle nymph of Media's green domain,
 Where Tauris lifts with pride her hundred tow'rs,
 Far from the precincts of her native plain,
 Breathes her last sigh in 'Spahan's hapless bow'rs.

What shepherds melt at Nora's sacred tomb ?
 At Nora's tomb, each nymph of 'Spahan sighs ;
 While sadly sweet along the listening gloom,
 On Sorrow's lyre the dirge complaining dies.

The band of white-rob'd virgins let me join,
 And scatter incense on the hallow'd ground ;
 Where waving mournful o'er the lonely shrine,
 'The grove in silent horror glooms around.

Tho' far from Tauris thy fair reliques lie,
 Thy gentle ghost her grateful daughters mourn ;
 Her sons in sorrow heave the fruitless sigh,
 And melt in visions o'er thy distant urn.

'Tho' far from Media's once delightful plain,
 In 'Spahan's valley sleeps the gentle maid ;
 No prowling Arab shall thy tomb prophane,
 Breathe on thy shrine, and wound thy shrinking shade.

Far hence the demons of the troubled air,
 Shall bid their thunders roll, the tempest rave :
 No livid light'nings through the grove shall glare,
 To blait th' eternal bloom that decks thy grave.

Here shall the rose with softest fragrance spring,
 Heav'n's mildest dews thy humble bed adorn :
 Hence shall the songster mount on early wing,
 And warble round thee ere he meets the morn.

Ah ! here with woe a sister's heart shall heave,
 A heart by all the Virtues lov'd in vain !
 Pale, on her tears, shall rise the star of eve,
 And midnight hear her pity'd voice complain.

Here shall the lustre of ascending morn,
That wakes to gladness all the world below,
In sorrow find her o'er thy silent urn,
A melancholy monument of woe.

No beam of Mirth shall deck her clouded eye:
No Smile, her paly cheek, but of Despair:
To life's last sand her soul for THEE shall sigh,
For THEE her closing lids shall shed the tear.

What heedless wanderer through the gloomy vale,
Neglects to spread the flow'ret o'er thy tomb;
From such may Fortune snatch her fav'ring gale,
And demons blast their hopes of brightest bloom.

Ah! cease to murmur to the midnight air,
Nor bid a drooping BROTHER haste away;
Think on our loss in THEE, thou hapless Fair,
And think how short is life, one little day!

Too soon shall Ali join thy beck'ning ghost,
Too soon his fate shall make an empire bleed:
What virtues, ah! to Persia's land are lost,
When such lie number'd with the silent dead!

Too soon shall Fame th' illumin'd page display,
And sighing blend his sacred name with thine,
Where beam the worthy with distinguish'd day,
Where crown'd with glory glows thy ANCIENT LINE.

PROLOGUE to Dr. GOLDSMITH's new Comedy called SHE STOOPS
TO CONQUER, or The MISTAKES OF A NIGHT.

Wrote by DAVID GARRICK, Esq.

Spoken by Mr. WOODWARD.

EXCUSE me, Sirs, I pray—I can't yet speak—
I'm crying now—and have been all the week!
*'Tis not alone this mourning suit, good masters,
I've that within—for which there are no plaisters.*
Pray, would you know the reason why I'm crying—
The Comic Muse, long sick, is now a dying!
And if she goes, my tears will never stop;
For as a play'r I can't squeeze out one drop;
I am undone, that's all—shall lose my bread—
I'd rather, but that's nothing—lose my head.
When the sweet maid is laid upon the bier,
Shuter and I shall be chief mourners here.

To *her* a mawkish drab of spurious breed,
 Who deals in sentimentals, will succeed !
 Poor *Ned* and *I* are dead to all intents,
 We can as soon speak Greek as sentiments !
 Both nervous grown, to keep our spirits up,
 We now and then take down a hearty cup.
 What shall we do ?—If Comedy forsake us,
 They'll turn us out, and no one else will take us.
 But why can't I be moral ?—Let me try—
 My heart thus pressing—fix'd my face and eye—
 With a sententious look, that nothing means,
 (Faces are barbers blocks—in moral scenes)
 Thus I begin—" All is not gold that glitters,
 " Pleasure seems sweet, but proves a glass of bitters.
 " When Ign'rance enters, Folly is at hand ;
 " Learning is better far than house or land.
 " Let not your virtue trip, who trips may stumble,
 " And virtue is not virtue if she tumble."
 I give it up—Morals won't do for me ;
 To make you laugh I should play tragedy.
 One hope remains, hearing the maid was ill,
 A *Doctor* comes this night to shew his skill.
 To cheer her heart, and give your muscles motion,
 He in five draughts prepar'd presents a potion :
 A kind of magic charm ; for be assured,
 If you will swallow it, the maid is cured :—
 But desperate the Doctor, and her case is,
 If you reject the dose, and make wry faces !
 This truth he boasts, will boast it while he lives,
 No poisonous drugs are mix'd in what he gives.
 Should he succeed, you'll give him his degree,
 If not, within he will receive no fee !
 The college you, must his pretensions back,
 Pronounce him *Regular*, or dub him *Quack*.

EPILOGUE *to the same.* By Dr. GOLDSMITH.

Spoken by Mrs. BULKLEY.

WELL, having stoop'd to conquer with success,
 And gain'd a husband without aid from dress,
 Still as a bar-maid, I could wish it too,
 As I have conquer'd him, to conquer you :
 And let me say, for all your resolution,
 That pretty bar-maids have done execution.
 Our life is all a play, compos'd to please,
 " We have our exits and our entrances."

The

The first act shews the simple country-maid,
 Harmless and young, of every thing afraid;
 Blushes when hir'd, and with unmeaning action,
I hopes as how to give you satisfaction.
 Her second act displays a livelier scene—
 The unblushing bar-maid of a country inn,
 Who whisks about the house, at market caters,
 Talks loud, coquets the guests, and scolds the waiters.
 Next the scene shifts to town, and there she soars,
 The chop-house toast of ogling connoisseurs.
 On 'squires and cits she there displays her arts,
 And on the gridiron broils her lovers hearts:
 And as she smiles, her triumphs to compleat,
 Even common-councilmen forget to eat.
 The fourth act shews her wedded to the 'squire,
 And madam now begins to hold it higher;
 Doats upon dancing, and in all her pride,
 Swims round the room, the *Heine!* of Cheapside;
 Ogles and leers with artificial skill,
 Till having lost in age the power to kill,
 She sits all night at cards, and ogles at spadille. }
 Such, thro' our lives, the eventful history—
 The fifth and last act still remains for me.
 The bar-maid now for your protection prays,
 Turns Female Barrister, and pleads for Bayes.

NEW-YEAR ODE, *To his Most Excellent Majesty King BLADUD*
of BATH.

ILLUSTRIOUS Bladud, best of kings,
 Though thou can'st make no gracious speeches,
 Thy stream the gift of healing brings,
 In spite of all the leagues of leeches.

When this blest well one virtue more,
 The grace of Helicon shall give,
 Thy grateful bard, though not before,
 May learn to praise, who learns to live.

Here patriots, worn with wasting care
 Of poor Britannia on the brink;
 Here matron sage, and maiden fair,
 And deists here believe and drink.

The sacred prelate here suspends
 His pious views of new translation,
 And here the statesman condemns
 To save himself to sink the nation.

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The wither'd beau, the gouty cit,
 The pamper'd knight, the priest, the peer,
 The swaggering biter, and the bit,
 Fantastic groupe ! are gather'd here.

All, helpless babes of sainted Hoyle,
 With the most fervent zeal adore ;
 All, as spadille attacks the spoil,
 Spadille's protecting aid implore.

Propitious to thy monarch's will,
 O boiling wave, do not desist
 To keep alive aunt Deborah still,
 And seat her soberly at whist.

Ah ! did thy fount the cup supply,
 That blots the conscious memory out,
 Full soon the current would run dry,
 And greedy votaries lick the spout.

His lordship, with the silken string,
 Might then evade the poison'd dart,
 Which keeps him ever on the wing,
 Flying the horrors of his heart.

But all that this fine town bestows,
 To dress, to dance, to laugh, to fret,
 Nor giddy ball, nor tawdry clothes,
 Can teach the guilty to forget.

SONG, *written about 250 Years ago.*

I.

I Cannot eat but little meat,
 My stomach is not good ;
 But sure I think, that I can drink
 With him that wears a hood.
 Though I go bare, take ye no care—
 I am nothing a colde ;
 I stuffe my skin so full within
 Of joly good ale and old.
*Back and side go bare, go bare,
 Both foot and hand go cold :
 But belly, God send thee good ale inoughe,
 Whether it be new or old.*

II.

I love no rost, but a nut-brown toste,
 And a crab laid in the fire ;
 A little bread shall do me stead,
 Much bread I not desire.

No froste nor snow, no winde, I trow,
Can hurt me if I wolde,
I am so wrapt, and throwly lapt,
Of joly good ale and old.

Chorus, &c.

III.

And Tib, my wife, that, as her life,
Loveth well good ale to seek,
Full ofte drinks shee, till ye may see
The teares run down her cheek:
Then doth she howle to me the bowle,
Even as a mault worm shuld,
And saith, sweet-heart, I took my part
Of this joly good ale and old.

Chorus, &c.

IV.

Now let them drink till they nod and wink,
Even as good fellows should do,
They shall not misse to have the blisse
Good ale doth bring men to:
And all poor souls that have scowered bowles,
Or them that have lustely trolde,
God save the lives of them and their wives,
Whether they be young or old.

Chorus, &c.

From the GREEK of POSIDIPPUS: a DIALOGUE.

The TRAVELLER and STATUE of OPPORTUNITY.

Trav. SAY, Image, by what sculptor's hand
In breathing marble here you stand?

Opp. By his, whose art, to thousands known,
Bids Jove and Pallas live in stone:
But, seldom seen by human eyes,
I claim the kindred of the skies;
By few I'm found, tho' great my fame,
And Opportunity's my name.

Trav. Say, if the cause you may reveal,
Why thus supported on a wheel?

Opp. The wheel my rapid course implies;
Like that with constant speed it flies.

Trav. Wings on your feet! *Opp.* I'm prone to soar;
Neglected, I return no more.

Trav. But why behind depriv'd of hair?

Opp. Escap'd, that none may seize me there.

Trav. Your locks unbound conceal your eyes!

Opp. Because I chiefly court disguise.

Trav. Why coupled with that solemn fair,
Of down-cast mien and mournful air?

Opp. *Repentance*, she (the stone replies)
My substitute behind me flies :
Observe, and her you'll ever see
Pursue the wretch depriv'd of me ;
By her corrected, mortals mourn
For what they've done, and what forborne.
Ask me no more, for, while you stay,
I vanish unperceiv'd away.

Character of the late Mr. ROBERT LLOYD, when a Prisoner in the Fleet.

By Mr. J. CARR.

WIT, wisdom, pity, folly, friends,
Bob uses and abuses ;
No pride, but learned pride, commends,
No liars but the Muses.

An HUMBLE PRAYER:

FULL humble is my pray'r, I ween—
For humble I have always been.
Far from the wishes to be rich,
I ask not, for I need not much :
No nabob's wealth, no fav'rite's place,
Nor royal gifts, nor royal grace :
Give me, O Fortune, give me clear
Three hundred sterling pounds a year ;
And give a friend, to lounge, and talk,
And lean my arm on when I walk.
Full humble is my pray'r, I ween—
For humble I have always been.

EPITAPH on *Mr. THOMAS HAMMOND, Parish-Clerk of Ashford in Kent, who was a good Man, and an excellent Backgammon-player, and was succeeded in Office by a Mr. TRICE.*

BY the chance of the die,
On his *back* here doth lie,
Our most audible clerk, Master Hammond ;
Tho' he bore many men
'Till threescore and ten,
Yet, at length, he by death is *back-gammon'd*,
But hark ! neighbours, hark !
Here again comes the clerk :

By

By a bit very lucky and nice,
 With Death we're now even;
 He just step'd up to heaven,
 And is with us again in a Trice.

The following pretty Verses are taken from Walpole's Antiquities, and were never before published. Sir Henry Lea, the brave ancestor of the present Litchfield family, was master of the Armoury to Queen Elizabeth, and made a vow to present himself annually at the Tilt, armed; there to perform in honour of her Majesty's accession to the throne. Becoming at length very old, he resigned his office to the Earl of Cumberland with great pomp, and on this occasion presented the following Verses to her Majesty.

MY golden locks time hath to silver turn'd,
 (Oh time too swift, and swiftness never ceasing!)
 My youth 'gainst age, and age at youth have spurn'd,
 But spurn'd in vain—Youth vaineth by increasing.
 Beauty, strength, and youth, flowers fading beene;
 Duty, faith, and love, are roots and ever greene,
 My helmet now shall make an hive for bees,
 And lovers songs shall turne to holy psalmes:
 A man at armes must now sit on his knees,
 And feed on pray'rs, that are old ages almes.
 And so from court to cottage I depart,
 My saint is sure of mine unspotted heart.
 And when I sadly sit in homely cell,
 I'll teach my swains this carrol for a song,
 Blest be the hearts that think my sovereigne well,
 Curs'd be the soules that think to do her wrong,
 Goddesse, vouchsafe this aged man his right,
 To be your beadsman now, that was your knight.

ODE for his MAJESTY'S Birth-Day, June 4, 1773.

BORN for millions are the kings
 Who sit on Britain's guarded throne:
 From delegated power their glory springs,
 Their birth-day is our own!

An impious pomp let tyrants shine,
 Assuming attributes divine,
 And stretch their unresisted sway
 O'er slaves, who tremble and obey;
 On lawless pinions let them soar;
 Far happier he, whose temperate power,

Acknowledg'd, and avow'd,
 Ev'n on the throne restriction knows ;
 And to those laws implicit bows
 By which it rules the crowd.

When erst th' imperial pride of Rome
 Exulting saw a world o'ercome,
 And rais'd a mortal to the skies,
 There were, 'tis true, with eagles eyes
 Who view'd the dazzling scene :
 Tho' incense blaz'd on flattery's shrine,
 Great Titus, and the greater Antonine
 Felt, and confess'd they were but men.
 But ah ! how few, let history speak
 With weeping eye, and blushing cheek,
 E'er reach'd their mighty mind !
 Man, selfish man, in most prevail'd,
 And power roll'd down a curse entail'd
 On reason, and mankind.

Happy the land, to whom 'tis given
 T' enjoy that choicest boon of heaven,
 Where, bound in one illustrious chain,
 The monarch and the people reign !

Hence is Britannia's weal maintain'd ;
 Hence are the rights his fathers gain'd,
 To every freeborn subject known :
 Hence to the throne, in songs of praise,
 A grateful realm its tribute pays,
 And hails the king, whose birth-day is its own.

*LINES written by Mr. GARRICK upon the Back of his own Picture, which
 was sent lately to a Gentleman of the University of Oxford.*

THE mimic form on t'other side,
 That you accepted, is my pride ;
 Resembles one so prompt to change,
 Through ev'ry mortal whim to range,
 You'd swear the lute so like the case,
 The mind as various as the face.
 Yet to his friends be this his fame,
 His heart's eternally the same.

EPIGRAM occasioned by Mr. WALPOLE'S IMPROMPTU on the Dutcheſs of QUEENSBURY *.

WHEN Prior's Kitty, ever fair,
The Strawberry bard inspir'd,
She who the world with Cupid's car
For a whole age has fir'd;
" Guess why," ſhe cry'd, " his praife I ſhare
" With Roman and with Greek?
" Such connoiſſeurs admire the rare,
" And prize the true antique."

Epilogue written by R. Cumberland, Eſq; and ſpoken by Mr. Hull, and Mrs. Mattocks, at Covent-Garden Theatre, after the Jealous Wife, performed on Thursday, December 23, for the Uſe of the Society at the Thatch'd-Houſe Tavern, for the Relief and Diſcharge of Perſons impriſoned for ſmall Debts.

The curtain riſes, and diſcovers a priſon; at ſome diſtance a woman poorly habited, and in a diſconſolate attitude: after ſtanding for ſome time motionleſs, in a poſture of fixed attention, ſhe ſpeaks.

W O M A N.

THOU loathſome dungeon, in whoſe dreary womb
The pining Debtor finds a living tomb;
Where, 'midſt the clank of chains, and diſmal yells
Of ſhackled Felons, my ſad Huſband dwells:
From his dark cell, O give him to my view!
Let him look forth, and take a laſt adieu.

As ſhe advances towards the priſon, a perſon in a Gentleman's apparel accoſts her.

M A N.

Stay, Child of Sorrow, thou whoſe piercing groans
Might move to pity e'en theſe ſenſeleſs ſtones:
Why doſt thou bend thy melancholy way
To that drear dungeon? Child of Sorrow, ſtay.

W O M A N.

Why ſhould I ſtay, or my ſad griefs impart?
Can there be pity in a human heart?
Away, and let me die!—

M A N.

No; if 'tis there
You ſeek ſome captive friend, renounce deſpair;

* See our laſt Vol. p. 229.

For

For though the iron hand of law has barr'd
 Those surly doors which yon dread mansion guard,
 Know there are found, on whose dilated breasts
 The heaven-descended Dove of Pity rests,
 Souls that delight with soft'ring smiles to cheer
 The broken heart, and dry affliction's tear;
 Pluck the wan debtor from his noisome den,
 And launch him on the chearful walks of men.

W O M A N.

If such there be, oh! lead me to their sight,
 And let me plead a wretched suff'rer's right:
 Can there be truth, humanity, or sense,
 In laws that make misfortune an offence?
 Torn from his famish'd babes, and frantic wife,
 A father, husband, there must end his life:
 Stretch'd on his straw, the guiltless captive lies,
 While round his temples sickly damps arise,
 That ev'n the murd'rer's ignominious fate,
 Were welcome refuge from his hopeless state:
 Lost are the hands whose honest labour fed
 His helpless innocents with daily bread;
 For day by day the busy loom he ply'd,
 With soft Contentment singing by his side;
 'Till heaven flung out the signal to destroy,
 And dropt its curtain o'er this scene of joy.
 Nine tedious weeks the languid patient lay,
 To dire disease an unresisting prey;
 The tenth succeeded—when, alas! behold
 A worse tormentor in a human mould,
 A griping creditor; escape who can,
 When man's great foe assumes the shape of man?
 Steel'd to their trade, and deaf to all their cries,
 Relentless ruffians seize their legal prize;
 From my fond arms a dying husband tear,
 And plunge their victim in a dungeon—there.

M A N.

Enough! go speak the healing words of peace
 To thy sad mate, and bear him this release;
 Tell him the Muse, which on these scenes attends,
 That balsam to his wounded spirit sends;
 And know this truth thyself, 'tis not alone
 The preacher's pulpit, and the monarch's throne,
 That Charity frequents; but in this age
 She guides the theatre, and treads the stage:
 Lo! she is present, cast your eyes around,
 And here in each spectator's heart she's found.

To the PARRET •.

PARRET!—whose artless windings lead
 The ling'ring eye from mead to mead,
 Where Nature spreads, so fair to see,
 Her scenes of pure simplicity;
 Oft to thy banks, when life was new,
 Thy little votary fondly flew,
 And hovering round thy pastoral stream,
 Indulg'd young Fancy's earliest dream;
 Full oft' with fix'd attention stood,
 And gazing on the restless flood,
 Saw waves on waves successive throng,
 And wonder'd how they flow'd so long!

In simple childhood's careless days,
 These scenes could strange emotions raise;
 Could wake the smile—could call the tear—
 Exalt with hope, or sink with fear:
 Ev'n now, when Nature wakes my heart,
 And weans it from the toys of art,
 By some resistless magic led,
 I twine thy willows round my head,
 And stealing thro' thy fair domain,
 Bid Memory paint yet once again,
 Yet once again, those scenes lov'd,
 When here with Innocence I rov'd:
 Or, stretch'd beneath yon' bloomy spray,
 Saw Pleasure lead the hours away.

But, ah! no more, sweet stream no more
 Will Pleasure listen to my lore;
 She flies my steps on wings of wind,
 And leaves me all forlorn behind.
 The fairy scenes of Fancy fled,
 Each flattering Expectation dead,
 Thee I revisit all in vain,
 Seeking short solace of my pain;
 For at each scene that Memory paints,
 My sickening, sickening spirit faints.

PARRET! if e'er thy banks along
 Sweet Echo learn one simple song,
 O teach the prattling nymph to tell
 How Transport rose, how Transport fell.
 O teach her to repeat aloud,
 That Pleasure's like a summer cloud:
 The fleeting form of painted air
 Is gone whilst we pronounce it fair.

E. L. N.

* The Parret is a rivulet near Sherborne.

The

*The TRIUMPH of CERES: or the HARVEST-HOME.**To the Tune of "What beauteous scenes inchant my sight!"*

WHAT chearful sounds salute our ears,
And echo o'er the lawn!

Behold! the loaded car appears,

In joyful triumph drawn:

The nymphs and swains, a jovial band,

Still shouting as they come,

With rustic instruments in hand,

Proclaim the harvest-home.

The golden sheaves, pil'd up on high,

Within the barn are stor'd;

The careful hind, with secret joy

Exulting, views his hoard,

His labours past, he counts his gains;

And, freed from anxious care,

His casks are broach'd; the sun-burnt swains

His rural plenty share.

In dance and song the night is spent;

All ply the spicy bowl:

And jests and harmless merriment

Expand the artless soul.

Young Colin whispers Rosalind,

Who still reap'd by his side;

And plights his troth, if she prove kind,

To take her for his bride.

For joys like these, through circling years

Their toilsome task they tend:

The hind successive labours bears,

In prospect of the end;

In Spring, or Winter, sows his seed,

Manures or tills the soil;

In Summer various cares succeed;

But Harvest crowns his toil.

On seeing the Figure of DEATH in a Dream.

By Dr. H A R I N G T O N.

O vane Superstes!

AVERT, proud death, thy lifted spear,
Nor vaunt thee, *King of Terrors, here;*
Shorn of thy first envenom'd sting,
Vain are all terrors thou canst bring:
Smite, monster, smite, nor spare thy deepest wound;
From *Jesse's* root our sovereign balm is found.

When o'er the world's wide misery,
Coeval darkness sway'd with thee,
Creation shrunk beneath thy frown,
And horror mark'd thy ebon crown,
Those downcast kingdoms, whelm'd in ruins lie,
Smote by the beaming *day-spring from on high.*

Tho' clad in vesture of affright,
Thou prowl'st beneath the pall of night,
Thy famish'd form doth quash alarm,
Unpoise that daring, strengthless arm,
Bow thy diminish'd head—stern tyrant, flee,
For thou art *swallow'd up in victory.*

Sweet mercy hath her triumph shown,
Thy darken'd host of fear o'erthrown:
Now to behold thee—vanquish'd slave,
No power's left beyond the grave;—
We greet thee kind!—O wonderous friendship this!
Welcome, good herald!—to announce our bliss.

Written in the PUMP-ROOM at BATH.

Scire potestates aquarum, usumque bibendi.

VIRG.

ALWHYLE ye drynke, 'mydst age and ache ybent,
 Ah creepe not comfortlesse besyde oure streame;
 (Sweete nurse of hope) affliction's downwarde sente,
 Wythe styll smalle voyce, to rouze from thyrstles dreame;
 Eache wyng to prune, that shiftythe everie sprae,
 In wytleffe flyghte, and chyrpythe lyfe awaie.

Alwhyle ye lave—suche solace may be founde
 “ When kynde the hande, why 'neath its healyng faynte?”
 “ Payne shall recure, the heartes corrupted wounde,”
 “ Farre gone is that, whych feelethe not its playnte.”
 “ By kyndrede angel smote, Bethesda gave”
 “ Newe vyrtues forthe,—and felte her troublede wave.”

Thus drynke, thus lave—nor evermore lamente;
 Oure sprynges but flowe pale anguish to befriende;
 How faire the meed that followethe contente!
 How bleste to live, and fynde suche anguish mende!
 How bleste to dye, when sufferynge faithe makes sure,
 At lyfe's high founte, an everlastyng cure!

EDGAR.

Account of Books for 1773.

The History of Ireland from the Invasion of Henry the Second. With a Preliminary Discourse on the antient State of that Kingdom. By Thomas Leland, D. D. senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Prebendary of Saint Patrick's, Dublin. 3 Vol. Quarto.

THE author, whose work is now before us, has hitherto stood in a respectable situation in the literary world; that situation is not at all lowered by the present performance, which is executed in a manner that shews equal care and ingenuity.

The history of a nation, which has not acted a principal part in the system of Europe, since Europe has become perfectly civilized, requires great skill and selection to make it an object generally interesting.

The very early times indeed of any nation must in the nature of things, prove a fitter object of the Antiquarian's labour, than of the Historian's. The mind cannot seriously find satisfaction, or take rest upon the characters and achievements of personages, whose very existence may be doubtful.

Criticism stands now upon too solid foundations to accept of fable for history; the very remote and

early writers were hardly blameable for dealing in such matter. They had little other fund of information than uncertain tradition, or at best some dry jejune register of naked facts and genealogies: these writers, however, deserve the honours that posterity so justly pays to their very difficult labours. In them it was praiseworthy to hand down such reports as they found, and in the manner in which they found them: they did their duty: it was the province of more informed times to discriminate the probable from the incredible. As critical knowledge advanced, the love of the marvellous lessened; and in our times it is not impossible, that the noblest of all dispositions, the love of truth, has led us to a little more than a just disregard to facts, which do not come accompanied with the clearest evidence; and that we are too apt to measure the probability of the transactions of former ages, by standards taken from the manners, characters, and circumstances of our own.

However this may be, a writer would certainly risque more than a prudent man would chuse to put to the venture, who in these times should attempt to cloath the tales of an obscure age, with the solemn mantle

mantle of grave and sober history. We cannot, therefore, but approve the judgment of our learned author, who begins his history of Ireland only at that period, when England began her intercourse with that country; the period from which, if not the authenticity, at least the importance of events must take its date; and a period where our curiosity is first interested as being parties. Although many circumstances of the history of Ireland preceding this period, may be uncertain or unimportant; yet that, long before it, there subsisted in that country a regulated society, and an established government, is admitted without controversy.

If so, the manners, the customs, the principles of their laws and government, are a subject worthy of the most enlightened curiosity; there is, I believe, no instance of the world's not setting the highest value on all the generous labours that tend to gratify our inquiries on this head. The little work of Tacitus on the German manners, though the Germans were a rude people, will never lose its value. The mind does not find itself improved in the contemplation of meer events. We certainly must be pretty indifferent in the contests of the Calmucks and the Mongal Tartars, of the antient Suevi and Catti of Germany, or of the conflicts of the Irish of the North and the South; but the manners and customs of the Tartars, of the Germans, or of the old Irish, are the history of human nature; the mind finds food for contemplation, she enlarges her stock of ideas, and finds herself in the road of attaining wisdom by learning to know herself.

In this curious field of knowledge, our learned author has wisely quitted the narrative, and treated his subject in the way of discourse.

From the invasion of Ireland by the English, that country falls naturally into the rear, and must appear in general history, only as the handmaid of English majesty; but the long, and sometimes doubtful contests she maintained with England, before the authority of this crown was permanently established there; the share she was sometimes led to take in the contentions among the ambitious leaders in England, the misery and ruin that fell upon her, by the great rebellion of 1641, and the cruelties which she inflicted and felt during a long period of confusion, those she endured afterwards at the end of that age, by James the second's making her the scene of his last ill-concerted, and worse maintained struggle for that crown, which he lost by his attempts at arbitrary power, and the restoration of popery; from all these, Ireland, in the hands of a judicious discriminating and discreet writer, is capable of proving a noble subject of history, and such a person we think the reader will find in the learned Doctor Leland.

It is sufficient, to the plan, to remark that the author has taken up his history at the period of the first attempt to bring Ireland under the English government, and ended it with the final establishment of that authority at the glorious Revolution, after a struggle of near six centuries.

As a specimen of his manner and style in treating the antiquities of Ireland, we insert the following account

account of the establishment of christianity there, and the consequences of that event.

“ The conversion of the Irish to christianity is generally considered as a new period, whence we may trace their history with more certainty; though we still find it encumbered with legendary and poetical fiction. The people were prepared for the preaching of Patrick their great apostle, by the gradual progress of the gospel, by the labours of some former missionaries, and (if we may believe the old annalists) by the liberal and philosophical spirit of Cormac O’Conn, who first taught his subjects to despise the pagan rites. To him they principally attribute it, that the druidical order, so ancient and so powerful, gradually declined in consequence; though not extinct on the arrival of the great missionary; for the most authentic records mention the name of a druid, who violently opposed the introduction of christianity, and warned the monarch of the heavy and oppressive taxations which the people must suffer from the new religious establishment.

Patrick, say the adversaries of Irish antiquity, laid the foundation of civility in this barbarous country, by teaching the use of letters to its ignorant inhabitants. Patrick, say the advocates for this antiquity, introduced the Roman character, in which his copies of the scriptures and liturgies were written, and in which the new Irish converts transcribed the sacred writings, with such ease and expedition as were impossible for unlettered men. They remind us, that Ficth, to whom Patrick first delivered the new character, was the disciple of Dubthah-O’Lugair,

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an illustrious poet, who some time before, had sent his pupil into Connaught, to present some of his compositions to the princes of this country. But they proceed yet farther: for, not to mention their accounts of the Ogham, their ancient or cryptic-character, or their arguments from the number, the arrangement, the names of the Irish letters, or Beth-luis-nion, they furnished Sir James Ware with a long catalogue of writers in the days of paganism, from Amergin brother to Heber and Heremon.

Archbishop Usher has shewn that the system of doctrines taught by Patrick were free from the erroneous novelties of the church of Rome. But pure as his preaching might be, the doctrines of the gospel, which, if their influence be not fatally counteracted, tend to refine, harmonize, and elevate the human mind, do not appear to have been so deeply imbibed, or blended so thoroughly with the natural principles of the people, as to produce any extraordinary reformation of national manners. Even Leogaire, the converted monarch, made an unchristian attack on Leinster, was defeated, and by a solemn oath renounced the old tribute which had been the pretence of quarrel. Yet no sooner had he returned to his own territory, and reassembled his forces, than, with a shocking defiance of his sacred obligation, he again rushed into the province with fire and sword. It is true the monastic annalists, scandalized at this conduct, tell us, that Leogaire apostatized after his baptism. The fact, if admitted, only exhibits a notable instance, in which an inveterate corruption of manners proved too powerful for the preach-

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ers of christianity, even when its doctrine had been embraced and professed. And for ages after the death of this monarch, the annals abound in horrid instances of revenge, and hideous effects of avarice and ambition. Yet christianity, as then taught, although it could not eradicate, at least restrained the national vices. A numerous body of ecclesiastics, secular and regular, quickly swarmed over the whole country, frequently became umpires between contending chieftains; and when they could not confine them within the bounds of reason and religion, at least terrified them by denouncing divine vengeance against their excesses. An ignorant people listened to their tales of pretended miracles with a religious horror. In the midst of every provincial contest and every domestic strife, they were sacred and inviolate. They soon learned to derive their own emolument from the public veneration. The infant church was every where amply endowed, and the prayers of holy men repaid by large donations. Some of the oldest remains of Irish literature, as they have been explained to me, inform us, that the people were taught to dedicate the first-born of all cattle to the church, as a matter of indispensable obligation. But if the clergy thus acquired riches, they applied them to the noblest purposes.

“The monks,” saith Mr. O’Connor, “fixed their habitations in
“deserts, which they cultivated
“with their own hands, and rendered the most delightful spots
“in the kingdom. These deserts
“became well-policed cities; and
“it is remarkable enough, that to
“the monks we owe so useful an

“institution in Ireland, as bringing great numbers together into
“one civil community. In these
“cities the monks set up schools,
“in which they educated the
“youth not only of the island
“but the neighbouring nations.” The testimony of Bede is unquestionable, that about the middle of the seventh century, in the days of the venerable prelates Finian and Colman, many nobles and other orders of the Anglo-Saxons, retired from their own country into Ireland, either for instruction, or for an opportunity of living in monasteries of stricter discipline: and that the Scots (as he styles the Irish) maintained them, taught them, and furnished them with books, without fee or reward: “A most honourable testimony,” saith the elegant Lord Lyttelton, “not only to the learning, but
“likewise to the hospitality and
“bounty of that nation!” A conflux of foreigners to a retired island, at a time when Europe was in ignorance and confusion, gave peculiar lustre to this seat of learning: nor is it improbable or surprising, that seven thousand students studied at Armagh, agreeably to the accounts of Irish writers, though the seminary of Armagh was but one of those numerous colleges erected in Ireland.

But the labours of the Irish clergy were not confined to their own country. Their missionaries were sent to the continent. They converted heathens, they confirmed believers, they erected convents, they established schools of learning; they taught the use of letters to the Saxons and Normans, they converted the Picts by the preaching of Columb-kili, one of their renowned

renowned ecclesiastics : Burgundy, Germany, and other countries received their instructions : and Europe with gratitude confessed the superiour knowledge, the piety, the zeal, the purity of the ISLAND OF SAINTS. Such are the events on which Irish writers dwell with an enthusiastic delight.

The first christian missionaries seem to have industriously avoided all unnecessary violence to the ancient manners of the Irish. Their poets they favoured and protected ; the remains of the druidical order were not persecuted ; and although divine vengeance was thundered against the worshippers of the sun, stars, and winds, it is evident, that some pagan superstitions were overlooked with too great indulgence ; for they subsist at this day in Ireland : fires are lighted up at particular times, and the more ignorant Irish still drive their cattle through these fires, as an effectual means of preserving them from future accidents.

Whatever were the civil establishments in Ireland on the introduction of christianity, the first missionaries attempted no essential alterations. " They thought," saith Mr. O'Connor, " that schemes of political legislation belonged properly to the civil power alone." Possibly their genius was too confined, and possibly they were too much absorbed in the immediate business of their mission to entertain such schemes. The written laws, however, if the Irish had any written laws, were in several points necessarily to be accommodated to the new religious establishment. Accordingly we are told that, on the first reception of christianity, Patrick was one of nine persons, kings, bards, and

ecclesiastics, appointed to revise the ordinances of pagan times, and to form a new code of laws ; that the code was formed, published, and known to posterity by the name of SEANCHAS-MOIR, or the great antiquity.

English writers treat the idea of written laws, or any settled jurisprudence among the old Irish, as merely chimerical. Sir Richard Cox is positive that the nation never had any written compilation of laws, or any other rule of right but the will of a chieftain, or the arbitrary decisions of his Brehon or judge, who sat without formality in the open air ; and attended only to the will of his patron. Sir John Davis, a still greater authority, declares that the Brehons gave judgment in all causes, " with the assistance of certain scholars, who had learned many rules of the civil and canon law, rather by tradition than by reading."

In opposition to such unfavourable representations, and to the opprobrious name of " Gens Exlex" by which Giraldus Cambrensis marks the old Irish, their writers quote the authority of Joceline, who asserts, " Patricium, magnum volumen; quod dicitur canonicum padruig five canones patricii, scripsisse, quod cuilibet personæ seu seculari seu etiam ecclesiasticæ ad justitiam exercendam, & salutem obtinendam, satis congruè convenit:" they produce the testimony of Saint Bernard, who, in his encomium on Malachy the Irish saint, says expressly, " Omnibus tradebat jura ecclesiastica, optimus legislator, leges dabat plenas modestiæ & honestatis.--Repetuntur antiquæ consuetudines quas bonas fuisse constitit; nec modo vetera re-

“flaurantur; cuduntur & nova:” and still farther, they testify that several collections of the old Irish laws existed in their own days. The author of *Cambrensis Eversus* declares that he saw many large volumes of these laws on vellum, the text in a larger, the comment in a smaller writing. “Vidi ego
 “plura e pergamento spissa legum
 “Hibernicarum volumina, & in
 “illis textum caractere grandiori
 “conscriptum, lineis modice dis-
 “junctis, faciliori vocum inter-
 “pretatione minutioribus literis
 “insertâ. Uberiora commentaria
 “per paginam diffusa textum ob-
 “bant, eâdem omnino ratione,
 “qua textum & glossam in libris
 “utriusque juris aspicimus.” “I
 “have thirty books of our law,” saith Roddy, another Irish antiquarian, “although my honoured
 “friend Sir Richard Cox was once
 “of opinion that our law was ar-
 “bitrary, and not fixed or written,
 “until I convinced him of the
 “contrary by shewing him some
 “of our old law-books.”

We may observe that neither Lynch in his refutations of *Cambrensis*, nor this Roddy the collector of Irish books, says one word of having read or examined these tracts; nor attempts to give any account of their contents. The one only *saw* them; the other only *shewed* them; but neither understood these books. Lluyd the antiquarian saw them, and to him they were equally unintelligible; but with more ingenuousness he confesses his ignorance, and in a postscript to the preface of his *Irish Dictionary*, copies a passage from his old parchments as a specimen of ancient Irish, which he cannot explain, and of which he requests an interpretation from any gentle-

man of Ireland or Scotland. Two volumes of old Irish manuscripts, which appear to have been part of Mr. Lluyd's collection, and one of which contains the passage he extracted, were communicated to me in London, by Edmund Burke, Esq; and conveyed to Ireland. They contain tracts apparently juridical; as the text, comment, and glossary precisely corresponded with the description of Lynch. They were pronounced by readers of the Irish language to be fragments of the *Seanchas-Moir* compiled by Patrick, or rather much earlier, by some pagan legislator: they were acknowledged to be written in a dialect different from that of their poets and annalists; and such, as they who studied these poets and annalists could not explain. They were indeed discouraged from the attempt, not only by the difficulties of an obsolete language, but by a strange confusion and incoherence which appeared in these writings even where the words were intelligible. It was suspected, that this arose from an affectation of obscurity. But a more natural solution of the difficulty hath been just now given. Charles Vallancey, Esq. a native of England, by a laborious attention to the ancient language of Ireland, had gained a knowledge of it, surprising to those natives who made it the great object of their study. To him I communicated these old manuscripts, and he claims the merit of first explaining them, and has obligingly furnished me with translations and copious extracts of the ancient Irish laws, contained in these books, and another of the same kind in the library of Trinity College Dublin. A considerable part of the difficulty which Mr. Lluyd

Lluyd and other inspectors of these books hitherto experienced, arose, it seems, from not adverting to the proper method of reading them; as they are written in the manner well known to the Grecian antiquary by the name of BOUSTROPHEDON. The unusual inversion of lines occasioned the apparent incoherence and confusion above-mentioned. When this circumstance was once pointed out, the difficulties arising from an obsolete language appeared not so considerable.

The laws thus discovered appear to be no part of the great code or Seanchas-Moir said to be framed in the days of Patrick, but of a date considerably later. The Seanchas-Moir is frequently quoted both in the text and comment, as also another old code called the laws of Ulster, which the learned Irish claim to have been made in the house of Eamania, long before the preaching of their great apostle. In one place it is ordained, that in a particular case, when the property of lands is disputed, the UNANIMOUS voices of TWELVE men shall decide the controversy. Hence it was inferred by those who only understood the translation, that these Irish laws were nothing more than the local ordinances of some Brehon, who had copied from the legal proceedings of his neighbours, the English settlers. But such inferences were immediately encountered by an appeal to the style of these remains; which is said, both in the text and comment, (evidently written at different periods) to be as distinguishable from the Irish of the twelfth or thirteenth century, as the language of Chaucer and Spencer

from the compositions of present times. And indeed the matter of these laws seem to bear strong internal marks of antiquity. They never once mention foreigners or foreign septs settled in Ireland. They abound in regulations for bartering goods; they rate all payments and amerciements by cattle and other commodities, in the place of which the comment, as if in compliance with a change of manners, substitutes gold and silver taken by weight; they take not the least notice of coined money, which was introduced into Ireland by the Scandinavian invaders, and became common among the Irish septs soon after the settlement of the English. They mention the triennial assemblies, and convention at Taltion, and ordain that no debts shall be demanded or enforced by any legal proceedings during these meetings. Hence it seems not improbable that these fragments are part of a compilation of laws which O'Flagherty tells us, were made by three brethren (whom he names) in the eighth century. But whenever they were made, or transcribed, they certainly exhibit a lively picture of the manners and customs of the Irish in early times, and serve to correct some errors of their own, as well as of English writers.—The reader will excuse this digression; as it is a necessary introduction to what appears proper to be mentioned under another head."

The state of Ireland at the time of the English invasion, is well described, and accounts naturally for the subsequent events, the historical matter is curious and entertaining, and though in some degree coloured with the romantick character

racter of the age, is extremely well authenticated. As we do not profess to give any thing further in this part of our work than a specimen of our author's manner, and our limits do not admit of a long extract, we shall conclude this article, with some curious particulars relative to the conduct of Prince John and his English and Norman courtiers, soon after the first invasion; which in some instances will serve to place the manners of both nations in a strong point of view.

“ To supply the loss sustained in Desmond, Henry sent Richard, brother to the late Milo de Cogan, who led a chosen body of forces into Ireland; and was followed by Philip Barry, another brave commander, with a new and valuable reinforcement. Girald Barry, an ecclesiastic, better known by the name of Cambrensis, attended his brother Philip in this expedition, on whose abilities Henry had such reliance, that he entrusted him with the tutelage of his son John, and now sent him to gain such information, and to assist in such dispositions as might be convenient to this prince, destined to assume the reins of government in Ireland. For the same purpose was the archbishop of Dublin commanded to repair to his diocese.

These English ecclesiastics seem to have passed into Ireland with that sovereign contempt of those with whom they were to converse, and that perfect conviction of their own superiority which bespeak a contracted mind, and which a contracted mind is not careful to conceal. While Cambrensis seemed desirous to inform himself, from his Irish brethren, of the state and circumstances of their ecclesiastical

constitution, he could not refrain from mortifying them by invidious observations on their church, which they were thus picqued to defend and extol with greater zeal. They recounted the illustrious acts of those holy men, whose piety and learning had adorned the church of Ireland, and the large catalogue of saints it had produced. “ Saints !” said Girald, with the utmost self-sufficiency, “ Yes, you have your saints; but where are your martyrs? I cannot find one Irish martyr in your calendar.” “ Alas!” replied the prelate of Cashel, who probably looked on the death of Becket as a real martyrdom, “ it must be acknowledged that as yet our people have not learned such enormous guilt, as to murder God’s servants; but now that Englishmen have settled in our island, and that Henry is our sovereign, we may soon expect enough of martyrs to take away this reproach from our church.”

Arrogance naturally begat hatred; and recrimination was the necessary consequence of violent invectives. In their synodical meetings, these professors of the religion of peace were chiefly employed in all the bitterness of mutual reproach. The abbot of Baltinglass preaching on the subject of clerical continence, took occasion to extol the exemplary chastity of his brethren before they had been infected by the contagion of English foreigners; and described the libidinous excesses of these new clergy, with an offensive acrimony. He was answered by Cambrensis with still greater acrimony, who, while he allowed the praise of chastity to the Irish ecclesiastics, charged their whole

whole order with revelling, falsehood, barbarity, treachery, and dissimulation. The warmth which an Irish bishop expressed at such virulence served but to excite the ridicule of the other party, who observed, with a contemptuous triumph, how ill such spirit suited the effeminacy of his appearance. Contemptible as such altercations may appear, they had a dangerous influence in propagating and fomenting animosities between two people, who, circumstanced as they now were, could find their real interests only in a rational and equitable union.

And as if all measures were to be taken to provoke the Irish natives to the utmost, Henry, with an instability not very accountable in so great a character, once more listened to the suggestions of those who represented the dangerous power of his Irish vice-gerent, his ambition, and his alarming connection with the king of Connaught, recalled Lacy from his government, and appointed for his successor Philip de Braosa, or Philip of Worcester as he is called, a man whose sole object was to enrich himself by plunder and oppression. His first act of power was to wrest some valuable lands from proprietors who had purchased of Lacy, under pretence of appointing them for the king's provisions. He marched through different parts of the kingdom with a formidable body of troops, enforcing his exactions with the utmost rigour. At Armagh he spent six days feasting and revelling in mid-lent, to the great scandal of this seat of piety, and extorting money from the clergy with the most unrelenting severity. In vain

did the sufferers plead; that by the articles of the synod of Cashel they were exempt from military exactions; they had no recourse but to denounce the judgments of heaven against their ravager. A sudden fit of sickness, which seized him at his departure, was confidently declared to be the effect of such denunciations. An accidental fire in the quarters of Hugh Tirrel, one of his attendants, was converted into a miraculous punishment of his sacrilege, in robbing one of the religious houses of their furnace. This ignorant superstition served to confirm the prejudices, and enflame the aversion of the natives; encouraging them to hope, that they should still find some favourable occasion to exterminate those, who were the declared objects of divine wrath.

But the power which Philip exercised with such odious violence was not of long duration; for prince John now prepared to exercise that authority in Ireland, which Henry's late donation had conferred upon him. He received the order of knighthood from his father's hand; and a splendid train was provided to attend him to his seat of government. The Roman pontiff, who assumed the right of creating kings, is said to have formerly given Henry his permission to appoint which ever of his sons he should choose king of Ireland; and now the same ridiculous arrogance was repeated, under the pretence of favour and indulgence to the English monarch, although he had but just refused to go to the holy land, at the urgent instances of the pope. A legate was sent to England, who made a gracious tender of his services to wait on

the prince, and to perform the ceremony of his coronation in Ireland; presenting him at the same time with a curious diadem of peacocks feathers, hallowed by the benediction of the sovereign pontiff. But Henry, who possibly disliked this officious interference of the pope, when it was not necessary to his purposes, and possibly apprehended that too great exaltation might encourage his young son to such acts of disobedience as he had already experienced in his family, declined this gracious offer, and sent John to his government without any additional title or ceremonial, but with a considerable force, and a magnificent attendance.

A company of gallant Normans in the pride of youth, luxurious and insolent, formed the splendid and the favourite part of this prince's train; and were followed by a number of Englishmen, strangers to the country they were to visit, desperate in their fortunes, the consequence of a life of profligacy, and filled with vast expectations of advantage from their present service. Those hardy Welshmen, who had first adventured into Ireland, and now attended to do homage to prince John, were but disagreeable mates to his gay courtiers; nor had the young prince sufficient judgment and experience to treat them with due attention. Glanville, a sage and eminent lawyer, had been sent by Henry to assist and direct his son. Several grave ecclesiastics were also appointed to accompany him; and among these Cambrensis, who had acquired some knowledge of the state of Ireland, and returned in order to attend his master. But men of sage and reverend charac-

ters were considered only as the formal appendages of a court, where a prince, yet in his boyish years, was engrossed by young associates, who flattered his levity, and provided for his pleasures. The whole assembly embarked in a fleet of sixty ships, and arrived at Waterford after a prosperous voyage, filling the whole country round with surprize and expectation.

The fame of this embarkation had a happy influence upon the Irish chieftains, of whom several, the most refractory, now determined to do homage to the king's son, terrified by the magnificent representations of his force, and reconciled to submission by the dignity of his birth and station. But those native lords of Leinster, who had ever adhered to the English government, were the first to pay their duty to the prince, and to congratulate his arrival. They quickly flocked to Waterford, and exhibited a spectacle to the Norman courtiers, which could not fail to provoke their contempt and ridicule. They saw men cloathed in a manner totally different from their own, with hair of a different form, bushy beards, and all the marks of what they readily pronounced to be rudeness and barbarism. These unfashionable figures, who neither spake their language, nor were acquainted with their manners, advanced with great ease through the glittering circle, and, according to their own customs and notions of respect, attempted to kiss the young prince. His attendants stepped in, and prevented this horrid violation of decorum, by rudely thrusting away the Irish lords. The whole assembly burst
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into peals of laughter, plucked the beards, and committed various personal indignities upon their guests and allies, to demonstrate their own superiour elegance of manners, and gratify the childish petulance of their master. Such were the tempers and understandings that were to regulate the affairs of a disordered kingdom, to protect their adherents, to conciliate the unfriendly, and to reduce the disobedient.

The Irish lords, amidst all this disgusting plainness and novelty of appearance, were spirited and proud; tenacious of their state, and of all men most impatient of the slightest mark of contempt. They turned their backs upon the court, boiling with indignation; they met others of their countrymen hastening to the prince; they related the manner of their own reception; they enflamed them to the highest pitch of resentment; they returned to their habitations, collected their families and substance, and repairing, some to the chiefs of Connaught, others to those of Thomond and Desmond, enlarged on the indignities they had sustained, expressed their own determined purpose of revenge, entreated the more powerful lords to unite bravely against an enemy possessed with an obstinate and implacable aversion to their whole nation, in despite of every concession or submission; requesting them seriously to consider what treatment they were to expect who had discovered any reluctance in yielding to the English invaders, when those who had been the first to submit, found their services repaid with contemptuous insolence and outrage. The flame was readily caught.

The chieftains agreed, instead of proceeding to do homage to prince John, to forget their private animosities, to unite in support of their independence, and to bind themselves in solemn league to exert their utmost endeavours to free their country from these imperious foreigners.

To enflame this dangerous spirit yet further, the attendants of prince John thought themselves every where privileged to harass and oppress. Even in the maritime towns, which king Henry had peculiarly reserved to himself, new grants were pretended, and new claims advanced against the citizens, to deprive them of their possessions; so that, instead of doing martial service, these veterans were wholly engaged in vexatious litigation, to guard against the attempts of rapaciousness and fraud. The Irishmen who had peaceably submitted to live under English lords, and held the lands assigned to them for their services by English tenures, were treated with still less reserve. They were at once driven from their settlements with the most disdainful insolence, to make way for these luxurious courtiers, or their minions. They fled to the enemy with the most rancorous aversion to their oppressors; informed them of the situation and circumstances of the English settlements; taught them those arts of war, which they had learned by a long intercourse with the foreigners, and directed where their attacks might be most effectual and distressing.

While the storm of war was thus collecting, John kept his state in idle pomp, and his attendants indulged in their usual excesses.

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The clergy solicited for grants to the church; the soldiers urged the necessity of defence. The religious house of Saint Thomas the Martyr received additional donations, and three castles were ordered to be raised at Tipperary, Ardfinnin, and Lismore, as a kind of barrier to the English province. But the noise of insurrection soon became terrible to this young prince and his luxurious train. The alarm of hostilities and disasters poured in from every quarter. The lately erected castles, and other places of strength occupied by the English, were suddenly attacked. At Lismore, Robert Barry was surprised and slain with his whole troop; Ardfinnin was attacked by the Prince of Limerick; the garrison seduced into an ambush by the hopes of prey, and put to the sword without mercy. The brave Robert de la Poer was surprised and slain in Ossory. Canton and Fitz-Hugh, two other English lords of distinguished valour, met with the same fate in their different quarters. Mac-Arthy of Desmond marched against Cork; but was boldly opposed by Theobald Fitz-Walter, who had accompanied Fitz-Andelm into Ireland, and proved the founder of the noble house of Ormond. He is said to have suddenly attacked the Irish prince while in conference with certain men of Cork at some distance from the town, and to have slain him with his whole party. Such multiplied incursions could not but astonish and confound the English government. The land was laid waste; lamentations were every where heard, and affecting reports every day received of some carnage or commotion. Even in Meath,

which the wise precautions of de Lacy had apparently secured from danger, a desperate inroad threatened to lay waste the whole district, and was with difficulty repelled by William Petit, a brave commander, who sent the heads of one hundred of the invaders to Dublin. The only vigorous opposition to these incursions was made by the original adventurers; for the English forces, which had lately arrived, were little accustomed to such kind of war; nor were the heavy arms of a Norman knight well calculated to repel these sudden and desultory attacks, much less to pursue an enemy into their woods and morasses, who disappeared as soon as they had executed their immediate purpose. After some unsuccessful attempts against their invaders, these gay soldiers, smarting with loss and disgrace, shrunk into their fortified towns, where they lived in riot, while the open country was a scene of havoc and confusion. Tillage and cultivation were entirely at an end. The improvident young prince had lavished the sums appointed to pay his army; so that a dreadful dearth of provision threatened to follow close upon profuseness, war, and luxury."

An Account of the Voyages undertaken by the Order of his present Majesty for making Discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere, and successfully performed by Commodore Byron, Captain Wallis, Captain Carteret, and Captain Cooke, in the Dolphin, the Swallow, and the Endeavour: Drawn up from the Journals which were kept by the several Commanders, and from the Papers of Joseph Banks, Esq; By John

John Hawkesworth, L. L. D.
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IT is not without some apprehension that we venture upon an account of the work of Dr. Hawkesworth. The respectable light in which this gentleman stood in the literary world, and the manner in which this work was patronized, naturally raised the public expectation to a greater height, than can perhaps be for the advantage of any literary performance, as all such works must naturally undergo, the test of somewhat stronger than unprejudiced criticism.

It was undoubtedly a great honour to Dr. Hawkesworth, that from the number of learned men, in which we are happy to say, our country abounds, he should have been selected for the historian of exploits, undertaken upon the two noblest principles, the extension of science and of national glory.

We think it natural and laudable, that the learned writer's heart should have beat with more than common gratitude to his sovereign; we are, however, not allowed to dissent from the general opinion of the world, that it is rather too strong an assertion, that under his majesty's auspices, in little more than seven "years, discoveries have been made *far greater* " than those of all the navigators " in the world collectively, from " the expedition of Columbus to " the present time." The assertion is too palpably ill-founded to need a particular confutation: it exceeds the licence of dedicatory compliment. Whatever is done towards discovery, does credit to the prince under whose auspices it

is undertaken; and the real merit of these voyages was too solid, to make it at all necessary to transgress the bounds of truth. We could wish too, that speculative opinions of dark and difficult subjects had been omitted; whatever their merit may be, we may truly say, *non erat his locus*. Such is the dissertation upon, and denial of, a particular providence.

The very nature of expeditions full of risque and danger, affords the amplest room for thankfulness and gratitude to the providence of God, without its being at all necessary to explain in what way that acts: and we accordingly find, that in this very work, Capt. Cooke, whose spirit was no way abashed in the most critical instant of his danger, thinks it no disparagement to his courage or his understanding, to give the denomination of Providential Channel, to that passage which opened to his delivery, almost in the moment of despair.

We cannot help thinking too, that in a work, written as it were under the sanction of public authority, there was the utmost deference due to the religious opinions that are received in the country; and we could therefore wish the learned writer had refrained on this occasion, from promulgating an opinion that seems ill calculated to inspire religious sentiments.

Neither are we quite convinced by the Doctor's reasons, that it was altogether necessary to narrate in the first person; and when in the preface we find the Doctor letting us into the secret, and discussing the point with us, it is not so easy afterwards, immediately to fall into the deception, and believe that the Doctor was a party in the voyage,
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or that any of the captains, or voyagers, are the writers. This deception is prevented by our seeing in the title page, that the work was composed by Dr. Hawkesworth.

In other respects, the work has considerable merit in the execution as well as in the interesting nature of the subject. It consists of 3 volumes, and four voyages, the three first of which under Commodore Byron, Captain Wallis, and Captain Carteret, are comprized in the first volume.

Very early accounts have been given of a race of giants on the coast of Patagonia, but the veracity of the accounts had become doubtful, from the contradictory assertions of many later navigators who had been on that coast, and never had met any men of an extraordinary stature. Commodore Byron, had however, the good fortune to re-establish the credit of the old navigators, by meeting with a large party of them, and Capt. Wallis also met them afterwards, though he seems rather to lower the account of the commodore; yet they both establish the certainty of the existence of a race of men of a greater height, than is known in any other part of the world.

This circumstance naturally engaged the Commodore's attention to this coast, of which he gives the best account that has, we believe, ever been published, as also of his passage through the Straights of Magellan. The reader will not be displeased with the account of the Patagonians.

“ This is the place where the crew of the Wager, as they were passing the Strait in their boat, after the loss of the vessel, saw a number of horsemen, who waved

what appeared to be white handkerchiefs, inviting them to come on shore, which they were very desirous to have done, but it blew so hard that they were obliged to stand out to sea. Bulkeley, the gunner of the Wager, who has published some account of her voyage, says, that they were in doubt whether these people were Europeans who had been shipwrecked upon the coast, or native inhabitants of the country about the river Gallagoes. Just as we came to an anchor, I saw with my glass exactly what was seen by the people in the Wager, a number of horsemen riding backward and forward, directly abreast of the ship, and waving somewhat white, as an invitation to us to come on shore. As I was very desirous to know what these people were, I ordered out my twelve oar'd boat, and went towards the beach, with Mr. Marshall, my second lieutenant, and a party of men, very well armed; Mr. Cumming, my first lieutenant, following in the six oar'd cutter. When we came within a little distance of the shore, we saw, as near as I can guess, about five hundred people, some on foot, but the greater part on horseback: they drew up upon a stony spit, which ran a good way into the sea, and upon which it was very bad landing, for the water was shallow, and the stones very large. The people on shore kept waving and hallooing, which, as we understood, were invitations to land; I could not perceive that they had any weapons among them, however I made signs that they should retire to a little distance, with which they immediately complied: they continued to shout with great vociferation,

ciferation, and in a short time we landed, though not without great difficulty, most of the boat's crew being up to the middle in water. I drew up my people upon the beach, with my officers at their head, and gave orders that none of them should move from that station, till I should either call or beckon to them. I then went forward alone, towards the Indians, but perceiving that they retired as I advanced, I made signs that one of them should come near: as it happened, my signals were understood, and one of them, who afterwards appeared to be a chief, came towards me: he was of a gigantic stature, and seemed to realize the tales of monsters in a human shape: he had the skin of some wild beast thrown over his shoulders, as a Scotch Highlander wears his plaid, and was painted so as to make the most hideous appearance I ever beheld: round one eye was a large circle of white, a circle of black surrounded the other, and the rest of his face was streaked with paint of different colours; I did not measure him, but if I may judge of his height by the proportion of his stature to my own, it could not be much less than seven feet. When this frightful Colossus came up, we muttered somewhat to each other as a salutation, and I then walked with him towards his companions, to whom, as I advanced, I made signs that they should sit down, and they all readily complied: there were among them many women, who seemed to be proportionably large; and few of the men were less than the chief who had come forward to meet me. I had heard their voices very loud at a distance, and when I came

near, I perceived a good number of very old men, who were chanting some unintelligible words in the most doleful cadence I ever heard, with an air of serious solemnity, which inclined me to think it was a religious ceremony: they were all painted and clothed nearly in the same manner; the circles round the two eyes were in no instance of one colour, but they were not universally black and white, some being white and red, and some red and black: their teeth were as white as ivory, remarkably even and well set; but except the skins, which they wore with the hair inwards, most of them were naked, a few only having upon their legs a kind of boot, with a short pointed stick fastened to each heel, which served as a spur. Having looked round upon these enormous goblins with no small astonishment, and with some difficulty made those that were still galloping up sit down with the rest, I took out a quantity of yellow and white beads, which I distributed among them, and which they received with very strong expressions of pleasure: I then took out a whole piece of green silk ribband, and giving the end of it into the hands of one of them, I made the person that sat next take hold of it, and so on as far as it would reach: all this while they sat very quietly, nor did any of those that held the ribband attempt to pull it from the rest, though I perceived that they were still more delighted with it, than with the beads. While the ribband was thus extended, I took out a pair of scissors, and cut it between each two of the Indians that held it, so that I left about a yard in the possession of every

every one, which I afterwards tied about their heads, where they suffered it to remain without so much as touching it while I was with them. Their peaceable and orderly behaviour on this occasion certainly did them honour, especially as my presents could not extend to the whole company: neither impatience to share the new finery, nor curiosity to gain a nearer view of me and what I was doing, brought any one of them from the station that I had allotted him. It would be very natural for those who have read Gay's fables, if they form an idea of an Indian almost naked; returning to his fellows in the woods adorned with European trinkets; to think of the monkey that had seen the world; yet before we despise their fondness for glass, beads, ribands, and other things, which among us are held in no estimation, we should consider that, in themselves, the ornaments of savage and civil life are equal, and that those who live nearly in a state of nature, have nothing that resembles glass, so much as glass resembles a diamond; the value which we set upon a diamond, therefore, is more capricious than the value which they set upon glass. The love of ornament seems to be an universal principle in human nature, and the splendid transparency of glass, and the regular figure of a bead, are among the qualities that by the constitution of our nature excite pleasing ideas; and although in one of these qualities the diamond excels glass, its value is much more than in proportion to the difference: the pleasure which it gives among us is, principally, by conferring distinction, and gra-

tifying vanity, which is independent of natural taste, that is gratified by certain hues and figures, to which for that reason we give the name of beauty: it must be remembered also, that an Indian is more distinguished by a glass button or a bead, than any individual among us by a diamond, though perhaps the same sacrifice is not made to his vanity, as the possession of his finery is rather a testimony of his good fortune, than of his influence or power in consequence of his having what, as the common medium of all earthly possessions, is supposed to confer virtual superiority, and intrinsic advantage. The people, however, whom I had now adorned, were not wholly strangers to European commodities; for upon a closer attention, I perceived among them one woman who had bracelets either of brass, or very pale gold, upon her arms, and some beads of blue glass; strung upon two long queues of hair, which being parted at the top, hung down over each shoulder before her: she was of a most enormous size, and her face was, if possible, more frightfully painted than the rest. I had a great desire to learn where she got her beads and bracelets, and enquired by all the signs I could devise, but found it impossible to make myself understood. One of the men shewed me the bowl of a tobacco pipe, which was made of a red earth, but I soon found that they had no tobacco among them; and this person made me understand that he wanted some: upon this I beckoned to my people, who remained upon the beach, drawn up as I had left them, and three or four of them ran forward, imagining that I wanted

I wanted them. The Indians, who, as I had observed, kept their eyes almost continually upon them, no sooner saw some of them advance, than they all rose up with a great clamour, and were leaving the place, as I supposed to get their arms, which were probably left at a little distance: to prevent mischief, therefore, and put an end to the alarm, which had thus accidentally spread among them, I ran to meet the people who were, in consequence of my signal, coming from the beach, and as soon as I was within hearing I hallooed to them, and told them that I would have only one come up with all the tobacco that he could collect from the rest. As soon as the Indians saw this, they recovered from their surprize, and every one returned to his station, except a very old man, who came up to me, and sung a long song, which I much regretted my not being able to understand: before the song was well finished, Mr. Cumming came up with the tobacco, and I could not but smile at the astonishment which I saw expressed in his countenance, upon perceiving himself, though six feet two inches high, become at once a pigmy among giants; for these people may indeed more properly be called giants than tall men: of the few among us who are full six feet high, scarcely any are broad and muscular in proportion to their stature, but look rather like men of the common bulk, run up accidentally to an unusual height; and a man who should measure only six feet two inches, and equally exceed a stout well-set man of the common stature in breadth and muscle, would strike us rather as being of

a gigantic race, than as an individual accidentally anomalous; our sensations, therefore, upon seeing five hundred people, the shortest of whom were at least four inches taller, and bulky in proportion, may be easily imagined. After I had presented the tobacco, four or five of the chief men came up to me, and, as I understood by the signs they made, wanted me to mount one of the horses; and go with them to their habitations, but as it would upon every account have been imprudent to comply, I made signs in return that I must go back to the ship; at this they expressed great concern, and sat down in their stations again. During our pantomimical conference, an old man often laid his head down upon the stones, and shutting his eyes for about half a minute, afterwards pointed first to his mouth, and then to the hills, meaning, as I imagined, that if I would stay with them till the morning, they would furnish me with some provisions, but this offer I was obliged to decline. When I left them, not one of them offered to follow us, but as long as I could see them, continued to sit quietly in their places. I observed that they had with them a great number of dogs, with which I suppose they chase the wild animals which serve them for food. The horses were not large, nor in good case, yet they appeared to be nimble, and well broken. The bridle was a leathern thong, with a small piece of wood that served for a bit, and the saddle resembled the pads that are in use among the country people in England. The women rode astride, and both men and women without stirrups; yet they galloped fearlessly

lessly over the spit upon which we landed, the stones of which were large, loose, and slippery."

Captain Wallis followed the course of the Commodore, till he passed the Streights of Magellan, and indeed then too, took his course pretty nearly as far north as Mr. Byron; they both touched too at Tinian: Mr. Wallis's account of that island, reinstates it in all the glories of an elysium, with which Lord Anson's voyage has decorated it; while Mr. Byron speaks of it as almost uninhabitable. We are still to look for a solution of these contradictory accounts.

Mr. Wallis first discovered the now so famous island of Otaheite. Captain Carteret had sailed with Captain Wallis, but his ship, the *Swallow*, was so ill provided, that he was left behind in the Streights of Magellan, from whence he pursued his voyage alone; on immediately passing the Streights, he seems to have kept pretty nearly the same course with Commodore Byron; he meant to have looked for refreshment at Juan Fernandez; but found it fortified by the Spaniards, which obliged him to have recourse to the isle of Massafuero.

He looked, though in vain, for the two islands of St. Ambrose, and St. Felix, or St. Paul, and not finding those islands, seems to doubt of their existence; and as neither he who kept about 10 deg. S. nor Commodore Byron, who kept about 15 N. fell in with Solomon's islands, he concludes that at least they are wrong laid down in all maps.

This gentleman discovered Queen Charlotte's island, but his crew were too weak and sickly to avail himself of the discovery.

He arrived about the end of August, 1767, at New-Britain, which he discovered to be not one island, as Dampier thought, but two. New-England, New-Britain, and New-Scotland, have long had existence; but the Welch and the Irish, are particularly indebted to these voyagers for the honour of giving their names to new countries. Capt. Cooke in his voyage, gives the name of South Wales to the most extensive continent the world knows; and Captain Carteret has given the name of New-Ireland, to that country, which he has discovered to be separate and distinct from New-Britain. Here he also discovered, wild nutmeg-trees in great abundance; so that if a plan of discovery is pursued, we cannot doubt but that the Dutch will find themselves mistaken in the received opinion, that the only part of the globe, which produces this valuable spice, is in their possession.

Capt. Carteret did not find that hospitality from the Dutch at Macassar, that an English ship had, we think, a right to expect.

The two last volumes are taken up with the voyage of Captain Cooke, in the *Endeavour*.

Besides the general idea of the discovery of unknown countries, the laudable principle of extending science was a motive for this expedition. To the honour of our country, and consequently to the glory of his Majesty's reign, it was determined to send astronomers to the South-Seas, to ascertain the exact transit of Venus on the 3d of June, 1769.

To add to the importance, as well as the eclat of this expedition, Mr. Banks, a gentleman of considerable

considerable fortune, from a motive of spirited and laudable curiosity, and much versed in natural history, offered himself a volunteer in the voyage, and he prevailed on Dr. Solander, whose studies had fallen into the same line, to accompany him. At a great expence, he also engaged draughtsmen to attend him; that the world might have the more perfect and precise account of their discoveries of every sort.

The other three voyages had been made through the Straights of Magellan; but the successful example of Mr. Cooke seemed to prove the justness of his advice to enter the South-Seas by going round Cape Horn. He indeed advises the keeping the wide ocean, and standing east of Staten Island; but he went himself through the Straights of Le Maire, which if he had not done, we had lost an interesting account of a journey, a short one indeed, on Terra del Fuego, in which the uncommon effect of cold proved fatal to two of the party. The other voyagers, the moment they got into the South-Sea, steered to the north; but Captain Cooke, though he entered those seas much more to the south than they did, still kept his course to the south, at about the 60th degree of longitude; but making no discoveries, he then sailed for the spot destined for the astronomers experiment.

They arrived at Otaheite in the beginning of April, where they sojourned to the middle of July; a longer stay than mere observation voyagers are apt to make; so that we are not to wonder at the account of this island being more particular, than such as are commonly given of places soon after the first

discovery of them. We have however, already given so full an account of this island, and of the manners, customs, and arts of its inhabitants, in our article of characters, that it precludes the necessity of our making any extract in this place, upon that subject.

Capt. Cooke spent about a month, in observations on the islands in the neighbourhood of Otaheite, and then about the middle of August, 1769, took his course to the south, and in the beginning of October reached New-Zealand, which, contrary to the received opinion, he found to be two large islands, instead of one continent. The whole of this transaction is extremely curious, and it employed them some months, for they did not quit New-Zealand till the very end of March. Our curious readers will find many of these particulars, in our Natural History and Characters.

On his departure from New-Zealand, Capt. Cooke kept his course to the westward, till he fell in with the eastern coast of New-Holland, which he denominated New South-Wales; and explored that whole vast coast, a work of great consequence to navigation. Though the maps did seem to intimate a passage between New-Holland and New-Guinea, into the Indian ocean; yet the fact was not positively ascertained, till Mr. Cooke's late passage between them; so that though he modestly declines the honour of a discoverer, we cannot but allow, that whatever the opinion was, he has the merit of one, since he is the first that has established the fact, by an actual passage.

The present State of Music in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Provinces; or the Journal of a Tour through those Countries, undertaken to collect Materials for a general History of Music. By Charles Burney, Mus. D. 2 vols. octavo.

BOOKS of travels are read with as much relish as ever, though the number of the publications of that sort might well be supposed to have long since satiated the public curiosity. There is scarcely a part of Europe, into which, the travels of several of our ingenious countrymen have not been published. The travels of foreigners have been all translated into English. Polite education, the love of variety, and the pursuit of health, have rendered foreign objects, and foreign customs, familiar to our countrymen of the higher ranks. The immense extent of our commerce, has communicated a considerable share of the same knowledge to all degrees. However, a desire of comparing our own observations with those of others, will make the demand for these books, perhaps greatest with those, who have actually visited the countries described by every new writer of travels. This accounts for the reception of books of travels, even through European countries, notwithstanding the numbers to which they are multiplied, and the sameness of the objects which they describe.

Dr. Burney's travels, do not however come within this general description of books of that kind. He had a particular object in view, which has given a cast and character to his work, totally different

from all others. He passes over the same countries indeed, which have been visited and described by the rest; but he points your attention to things altogether of another sort, which gives as much novelty to his travels, as if he had described regions hitherto unknown. At the same time, that his very accurate description of several persons of eminence now living, gives an immediate interest to his work, which renders it peculiarly agreeable.

His travels into Italy, a country entirely ransacked, have upon these principles been well received by the publick. His German travels, in our opinion, are far more entertaining. As an object for musical research, Germany is a country perhaps not inferior to Italy; and for all the other circumstances, to which such a research has conducted our traveller, it is much superior. The science of music has been long cultivated there, and by the greatest personages. It is still the leading entertainment in all their courts. A man of talents and literature, could not have a better recommendation than the profession of music, to all parts of that country. He that sees the great in their pleasures, perhaps has an opportunity of knowing them the most perfectly. Future historians will do justice to the extraordinary military and political talents of the King of Prussia, and truly represent the hero and the statesman. Perhaps a view of his private life, and of the interior of his court, can hardly be better given than by our ingenious traveller. We shall however be the shorter in our extracts upon this occasion, as we have already, in the preceding parts of this work, given the character of Metastasio, and

and several other curious articles from our author.

Dr. Burney says, " I was carried to one of the interior apartments of the palace, in which the gentlemen of the king's band were waiting for his commands. This apartment was contiguous to the concert-room, where I could distinctly hear his majesty practising *Solfeggi* on the flute, and exercising himself in difficult passages, previous to his calling in the band. Here I met with M. Benda, who was so obliging as to introduce me to M. Quantz.

The figure of this veteran musician, is of an uncommon size :

The son of Hercules he justly
seems,

By his broad shoulders, and
gigantic limbs ;

and he appears to enjoy an uncommon portion of health and vigour, for a person arrived at his 76th year. We soon began a musical conversation ; he told me, that his majesty and scholar played no other concertos than those which he had expressly composed for his use, which amounted to 300, and these he performed in rotation. This exclusive attachment to the productions of his old master, may appear somewhat contracted ; however, it implies a constancy of disposition, but rarely to be found among princes. The compositions of the two Grauns and of Quantz, have been in favour with his Prussian majesty more than forty years ; and, if it be true, as many assert, that music has declined and degenerated since that time, in which the Scarlattis, Vincis, Leos, Pergolefis, and Porporas flourished, as well as the greatest fingers that modern times

have known, it is an indication of a sound judgment, and of great discernment, in his majesty, to adhere thus firmly to the productions of a period which may be called the Augustan age of music ; to stem the torrent of caprice and fashion with such unshaken constancy, is possessing a kind of *stet sol*, by which Apollo and his sons are prevented from running riot, or changing from good to bad, and from bad to worse.

These reflections, which occurred to me while I was conversing with M. Quantz, were interrupted by the arrival of a messenger from the king, commanding the gentlemen of his band to attend him in the next room.

The concert began by a German flute concerto, in which his majesty executed the solo parts with great precision ; his *embouchure* was clear and even, his finger brilliant, and his taste pure and simple. I was much pleased, and even surprized, with the neatness of his execution in the *allegros*, as well as by his expression and feeling in the *adagio* ; in short, his performance surpassed, in many particulars, any thing I had ever heard among *Dilettanti*, or even professors. His majesty played three long and difficult concertos successively, and all with equal perfection.

It must be owned, that many of the passages, in these pieces of M. Quantz, are now become old and common ; but this does not prove their deficiency in novelty, when they were first composed, as some of them have been made more than forty years ; and though M. Quantz has not been permitted to publish them, as they were originally composed for his majesty, and have

ever since been appropriated to his use, yet, in a series of years, other composers have hit upon the same thoughts : it is with music as with delicate wines, which not only become flat and insipid, when exposed to the air, but which are injured by time, however *well-kept*.

M. Quantz bore no other part in the performance of the concertos of to-night, than to give the time with the motion of his hand, at the beginning of each movement, except now and then to cry out *bravo !* to his royal scholar, at the end of the solo parts and closes ; which seems to be a privilege allowed to no other musician of the band. The cadences which his majesty made, were good, but very long and studied. It is easy to discover that these concertos were composed at a time when he did not so frequently require an opportunity of breathing as at present ; for in some of the divisions, which were very long and difficult, as well as in the closes, he was obliged to take his breath, contrary to rule, before the passages were finished.

After these three concertos were played, the concert of the night ended, and I returned to Potsdam ; but not without undergoing the same interrogatories from all the centinels, as I had before done in my way to Sans-Souci.

As some of my readers may, perhaps, be curious to know in what manner his majesty spends his time each day, at Sans-Souci, I shall here present them with a detail of that regular disposition of it, to which he has strictly adhered, during peace, ever since he began his reign : indeed, the evolutions of his soldiers, on the parade, can-

not be more exact than his own diurnal motions.

His majesty's hour of rising, is constantly at four o'clock in the morning, during summer, and at five in winter ; and from that time till nine, when his ministers of different departments attend him, he is employed in reading letters, and answering them in the margin. He then drinks one dish of coffee, and proceeds to business with his ministers, who come full fraught with doubts, difficulties, documents, petitions, and other papers, to read. With these he spends two hours, and then exercises his own regiment on the parade, in the same manner as the youngest colonel in his service.

At twelve o'clock he dines. His dinner is long, and generally with twelve or fourteen persons ; after this he gives an hour to artists and projectors ; then reads and signs the letters, written by his secretaries, from the marginal notes which he had made in the morning. When this is over, he thinks the *business* of the day is accomplished ; the rest is given to amusement ; after his evening concert, he gives some time to conversation, if disposed for it, and his courtiers in waiting constantly attend for that purpose ; but whether that is the case or not, he has a lecturer to read to him, every evening, titles and extracts of new books, among which he marks such as he wishes to have purchased for his library, or to read in his cabinet. In this manner, when not employed in the field, reviewing his troops, or in travelling, he spends his time : always retiring at ten o'clock, after which, however, he frequently reads, writes, or composes music
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for his flute, before he goes to bed.

I did not quit Potsdam, before I had again had the honour to partake of Lord Marshal's hospitality, by dining with his lordship a second time; where wit, good breeding, and good humour, crowned the board. After which, while I was preparing for my return to Berlin, I received a message from Col. Forcade, to acquaint me that the Prince of Prussia desired me to sup with him, at half an hour past six, and that he would present me to his royal highness. This great and unexpected honour somewhat embarrassed me, as it was my full intention to get to Berlin that evening, time enough to go to the *Academia*, or concert, to which I had been invited, and which, I had been told, would be made as brilliant in performance as possible, on my account; but the fear of not appearing sufficiently sensible of the prince's condescension, and indeed of not executing properly the commission which I had undertaken concerning the books, determined me to stay.

At half an hour past six in the evening, I therefore went to the palace of the prince royal, where I expected to hear music; but cards, and conversation, filled up the time, till supper. At my first entrance, I had the honour of being presented to his princess, who is fair, rather tall, and possessed of that pleasing degree of plumpness, which the French call *l'embonpoint charmant*: with a person infinitely less agreeable than falls to the share of this princess, her uncommonly gracious and condescending address and manner would captivate every one whom she honours with her notice,

Her royal highness had heard that I had been with Lord Marshal, and that I was attached to music; and upon these subjects she politely dwelt a considerable time. She plays the harpsichord well herself, as I was assured, and was very curious and conversible about music: even while at cards, she condescended to address herself to me very frequently, and at last asked me if I had known her brother, when he was in England?—I then recollected, and not before, that her royal highness was a princess of Hesse-Darmstadt, and sister to that prince of Hesse-Darmstadt, who last year made the tour of England, and to whom I had had the honour of being presented in London.

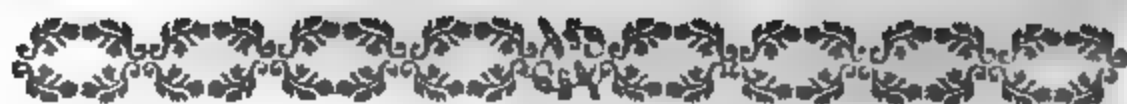
During this time, a young prince of two years of age, and his sister of only a year old, were brought into the card-room to the princess their mother; and, not long after, the Prince of Prussia entered, to whom I had the honour of being presented. His royal highness is tall, and of a manly, plain, natural, and agreeable character. At supper, he was so gracious as to make me sit down on his left hand, and to address the discourse to me almost the whole evening. He was cheerful and open, and seemed very well acquainted with the present state of the several countries of Europe, particularly England. Music had a considerable share in the conversation, and it was not difficult to discover that his royal highness is less strongly attached to old music, and to old masters, than his majesty.

Upon the whole, my expectations from Berlin were not quite answered, as I did not find that

the style of composition, or manner of execution, to which his Prussian majesty has attached himself, fulfilled my ideas of perfection. Here, as elsewhere, I speak according to my own feelings: however, it would be presumption in me to oppose my single judgment to that of so enlightened a prince; if, luckily, mine were not the opinion of the greatest part of Europe; for, should it be allowed, that his Prussian majesty has fixed upon the Augustan age of music, it does not appear that he has placed his favour upon the best composers of that age. Vinci, Pergolesi, Leo, Feo, Handel, and many others, who flourished in the best times of Graun and Quantz, I think superior to them in taste and genius. Of his majesty's two favourites, the one is languid, and the other frequently common and insipid,—and yet, their names are *religion* at Berlin, and more sworn by, than those of Luther and Calvin.

There are, however, schisms in this city, as elsewhere; but heretics are obliged to keep their opinions to themselves, while those of the establishment may speak out: for though an universal toleration prevails here, as to different sects of christians, yet, in music, whoever dares to profess any other tenets than those of Graun and Quantz, is sure to be persecuted,

The music of this country is more truly German than that of any other part of the empire; for though there are constantly Italian operas here, in carnival time, his Prussian majesty will suffer none to be performed but those of Graun, Agricola, or Hasse, and of this last, and best, but very few. And, in the opera house, as in the field, his majesty is such a rigid disciplinarian, that if a mistake is made in a single movement or evolution, he immediately marks and rebukes the offender; and if any of his Italian troops dare to deviate from strict discipline, by adding, altering, or diminishing a single passage in the parts they have to perform, an order is sent, *de par le Roi*, for them to adhere strictly to the notes written by the composer, at their peril. This, when compositions are good, and a singer is licentious, may be an excellent method; but certainly shuts out all taste and refinement. So that music is truly stationary in this country, his majesty allowing no more liberty in that, than he does in civil matters of government: not contented with being sole monarch of the lives, fortunes, and business of his subjects, he even prescribes rules to their most innocent pleasures,



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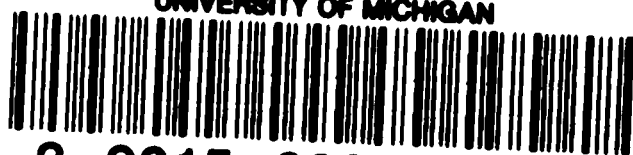
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